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THE
PHOENIX

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PHOENIX



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THE VANISHING POINT

AN INSTANT APART!
A MOMENT BEYOND!
LOOSED FROM THE SHACKLES OF PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE—
A PLACE WHERE TIME HAS NO MEANING!
BUT WHERE TRUE INSIGHT CAN BE GAINED!
MAKE YOUR CHOICE! SELECT YOUR DESTINATION!
THIS JOURNEY IS A GIFT...

AS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL STUDENTS OF XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS, TEENAGE MUTANT JEAN GREY WAS PLUCKED FROM THE PAST AND BROUGHT TO THE FUTURE TO AVOID THE FATE SHE WAS DESTINED FOR. NOW, STUCK IN THE PRESENT, JEAN USES HER POWERS TO DO GOOD WHILE AVOIDING BECOMING POSSESSED BY A COSMIC ENTITY KNOWN AS THE PHOENIX FORCE.

JEAN GREY

AS ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE X-MEN, JEAN GREY USED HER MUTANT ABILITIES TO PROTECT A WORLD THAT HATES AND FEARS HER AND OTHERS LIKE HER. DURING ONE OF THEIR GREATEST ADVENTURES, SHE WAS POSSESSED BY A COSMIC ENTITY KNOWN AS THE PHOENIX FORCE, WHICH MAGNIFIED HER POWERS TO UNKNOWN LIMITS.

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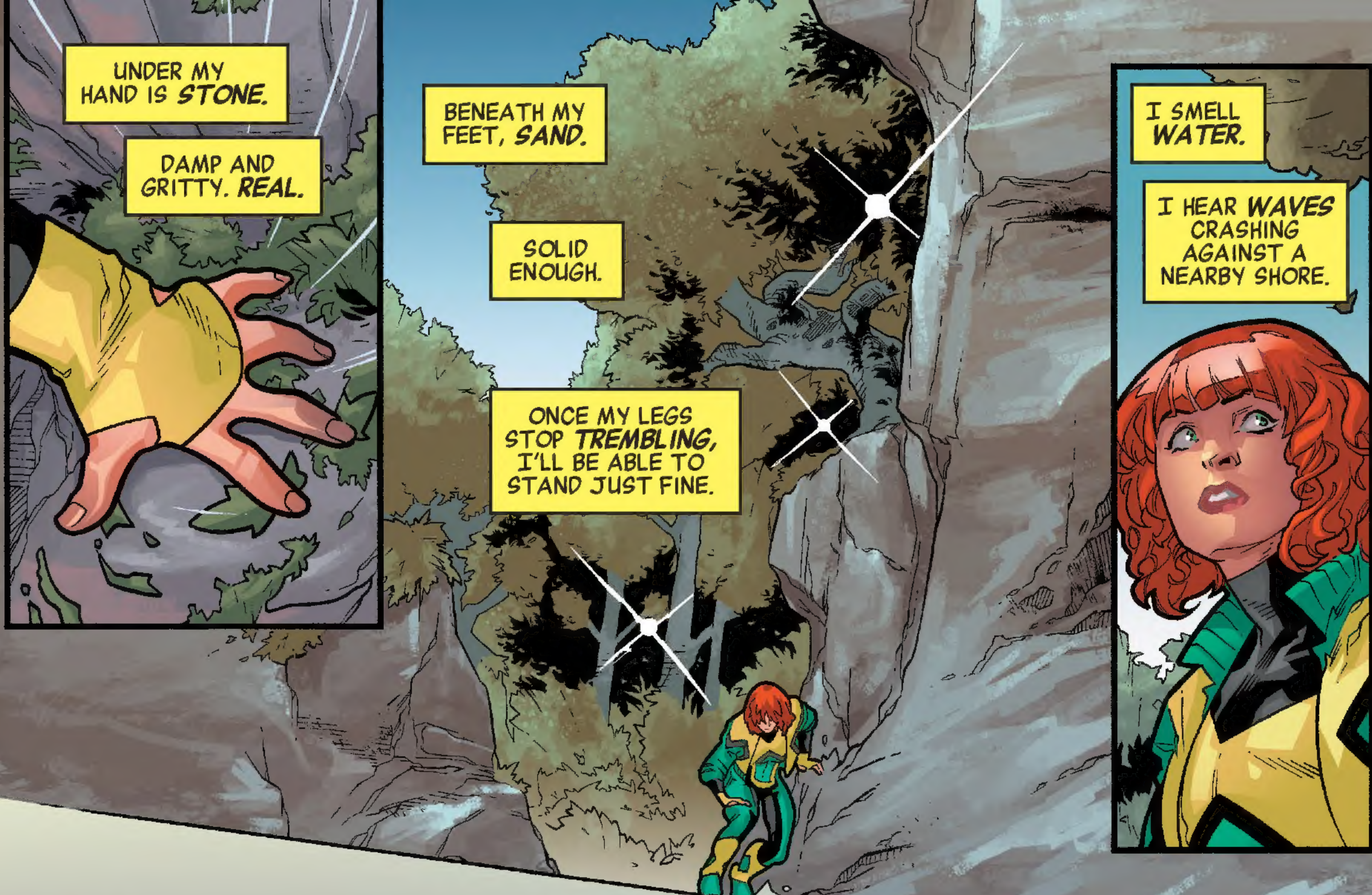
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UNDER MY
HAND IS **STONE**.

DAMP AND
GRITTY. **REAL**.

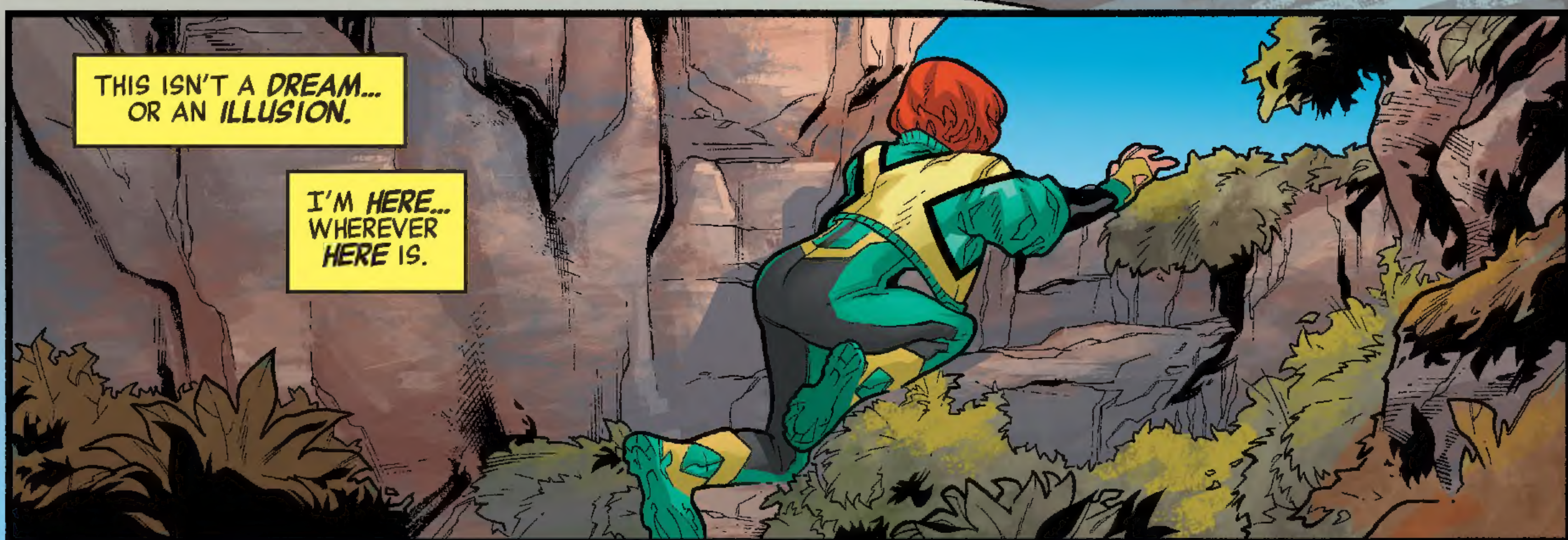
BENEATH MY
FEET, **SAND**.

SOLID
ENOUGH.

ONCE MY LEGS
STOP **TREMBLING**,
I'LL BE ABLE TO
STAND JUST FINE.

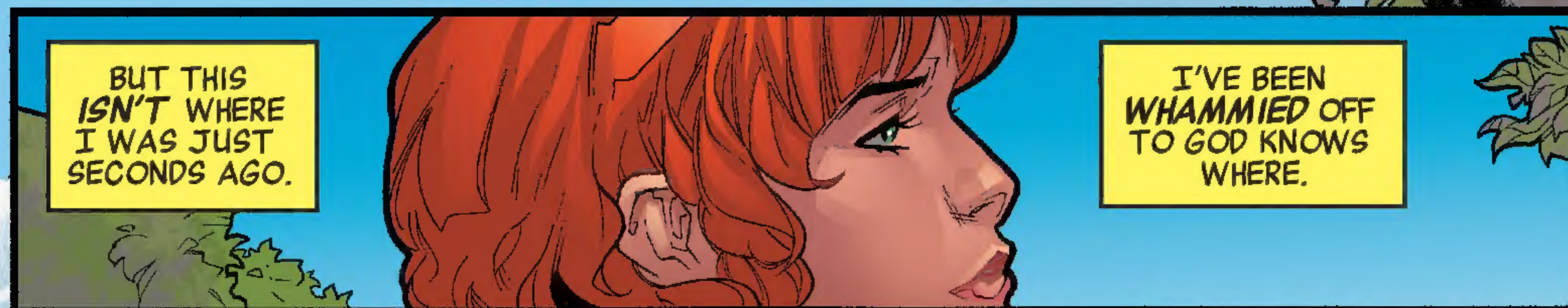
I SMELL
WATER.

I HEAR **WAVES**
CRASHING
AGAINST A
NEARBY SHORE.



THIS ISN'T A **DREAM**...
OR AN **ILLUSION**.

I'M **HERE**...
WHEREVER
HERE IS.



BUT THIS
ISN'T WHERE
I WAS JUST
SECONDS AGO.

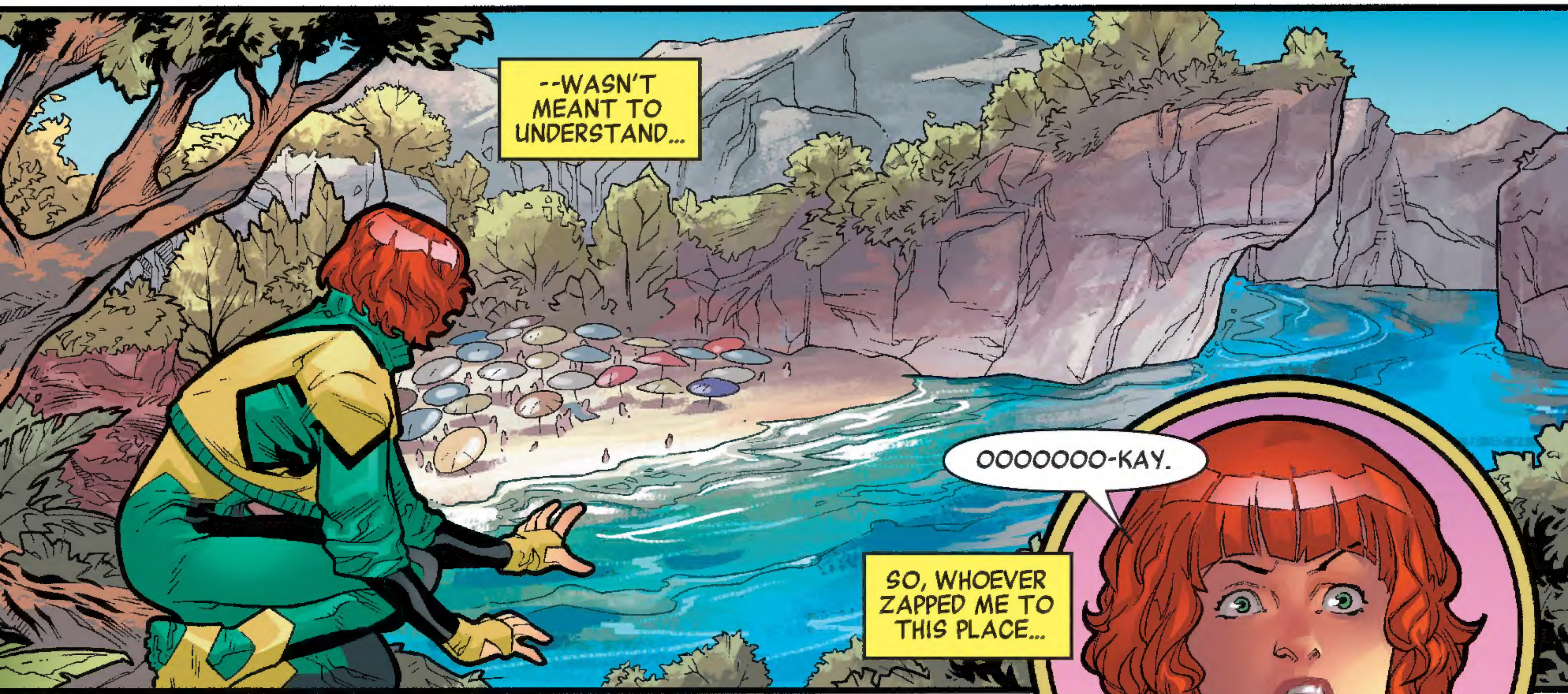
I'VE BEEN
WHAMMIED OFF
TO GOD KNOWS
WHERE.



NO **PSI-SCANS**.
NOT JUST YET.

FOR ALL I KNOW,
I'M ON SOME
ELDER THING'S
HOME PLANET.

I DON'T
WANT MY
MIND
TOUCHING
ANYTHING
I--

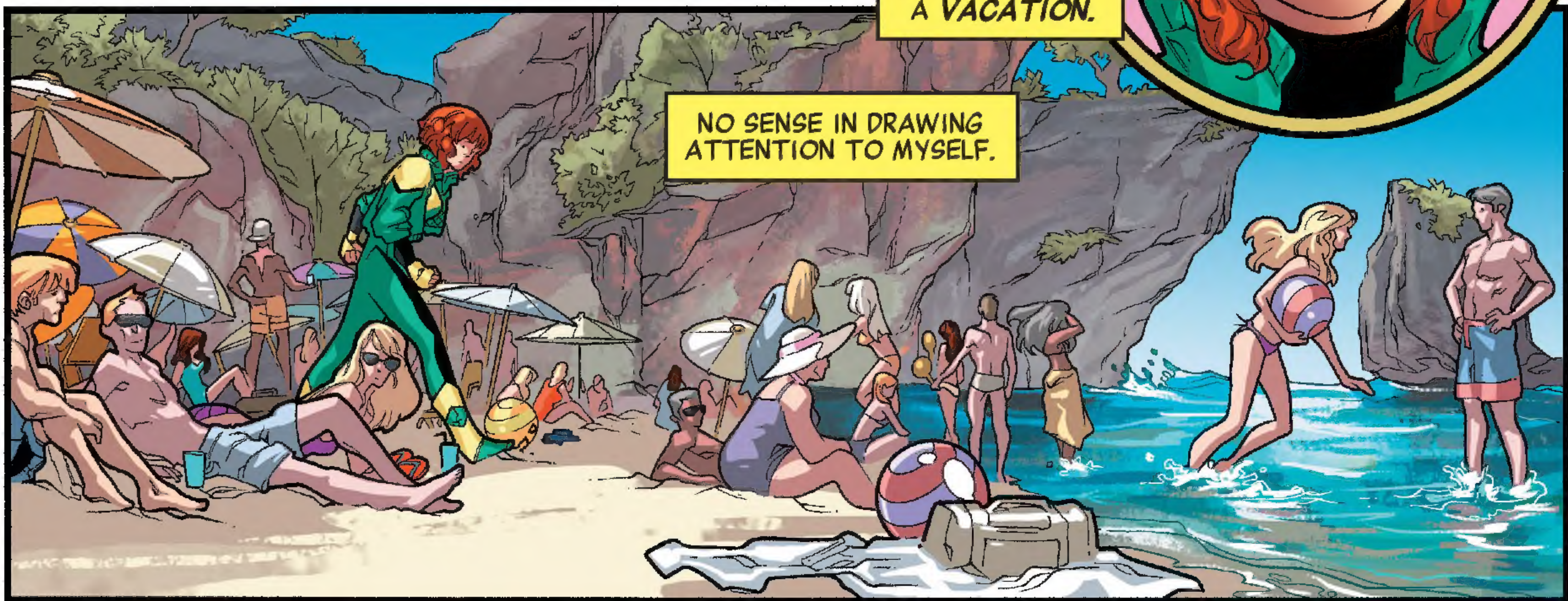
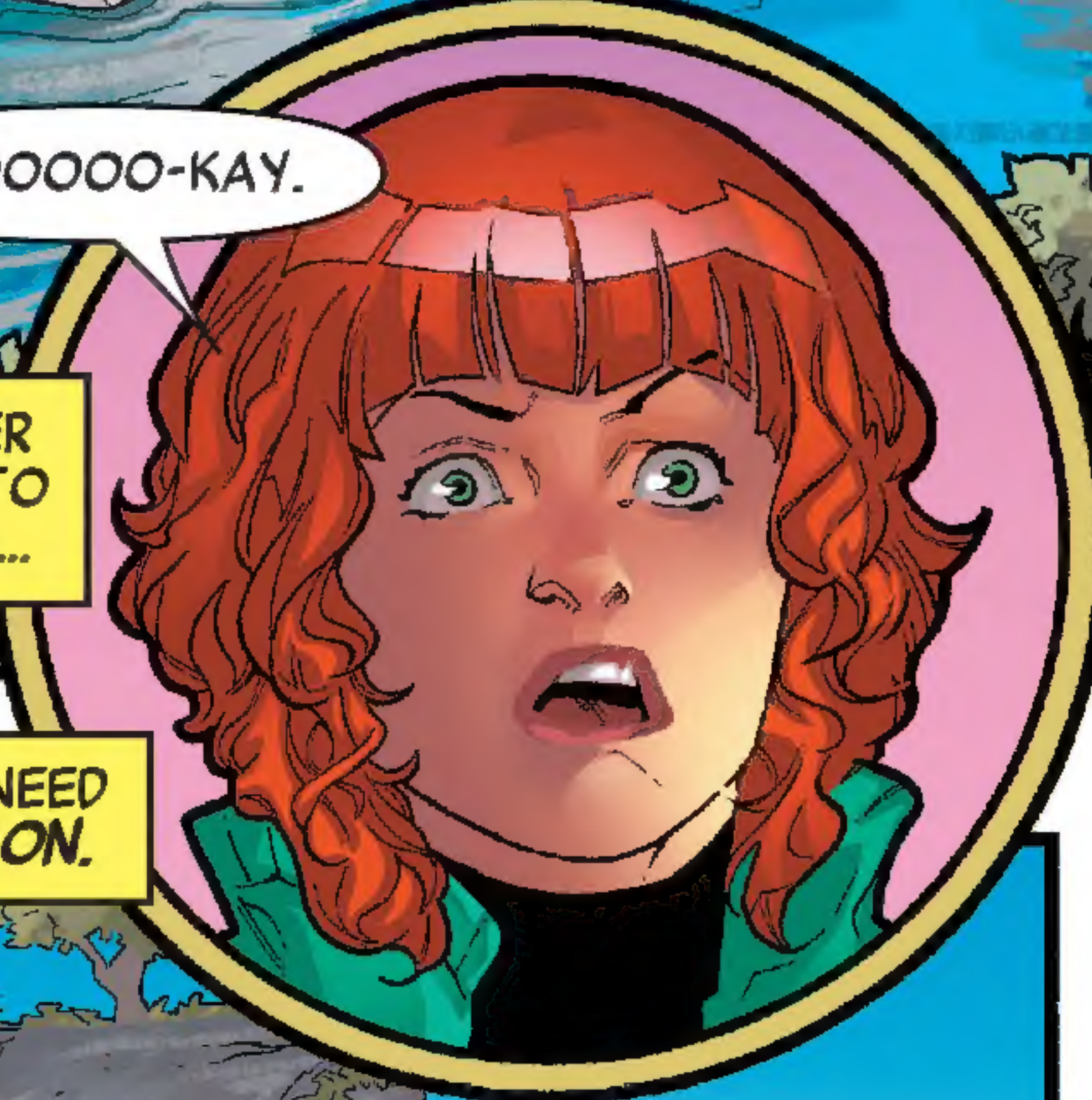


--WASN'T
MEANT TO
UNDERSTAND...

OOOOOOO-KAY.

SO, WHOEVER
ZAPPED ME TO
THIS PLACE...

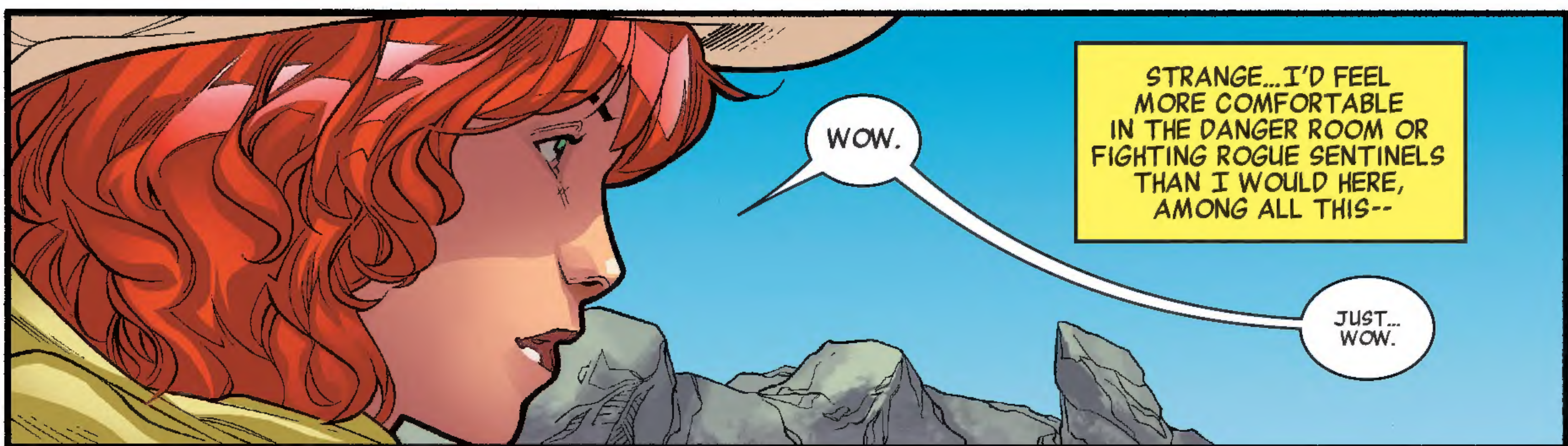
...THINKS I NEED
A VACATION.



NO SENSE IN DRAWING
ATTENTION TO MYSELF.



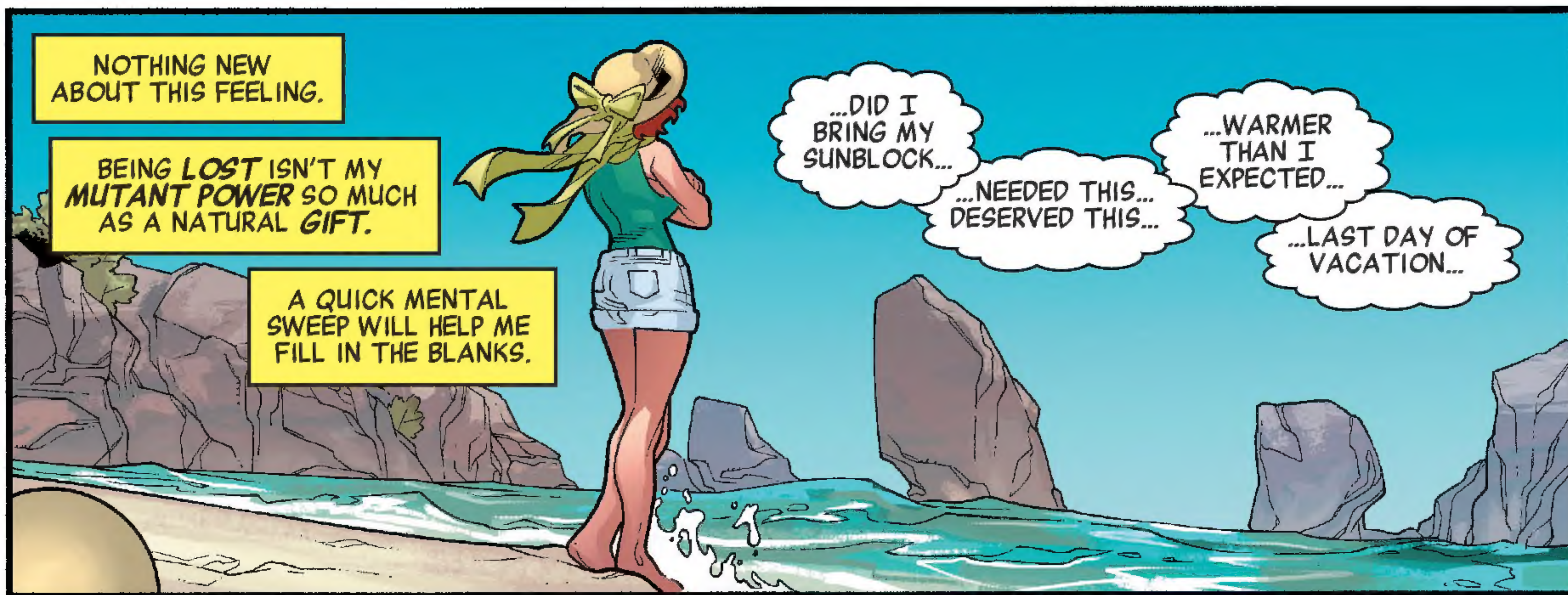
A WIDE-SCALE PSYCHIC
"NUDGE" HIDES MY
UNIFORM FROM ANYONE
WHO LOOKS MY WAY.



WOW.

STRANGE...I'D FEEL
MORE COMFORTABLE
IN THE DANGER ROOM OR
FIGHTING ROGUE SENTINELS
THAN I WOULD HERE,
AMONG ALL THIS--

JUST...
WOW.



NOTHING NEW
ABOUT THIS FEELING.

BEING *LOST* ISN'T MY
MUTANT POWER SO MUCH
AS A NATURAL *GIFT*.

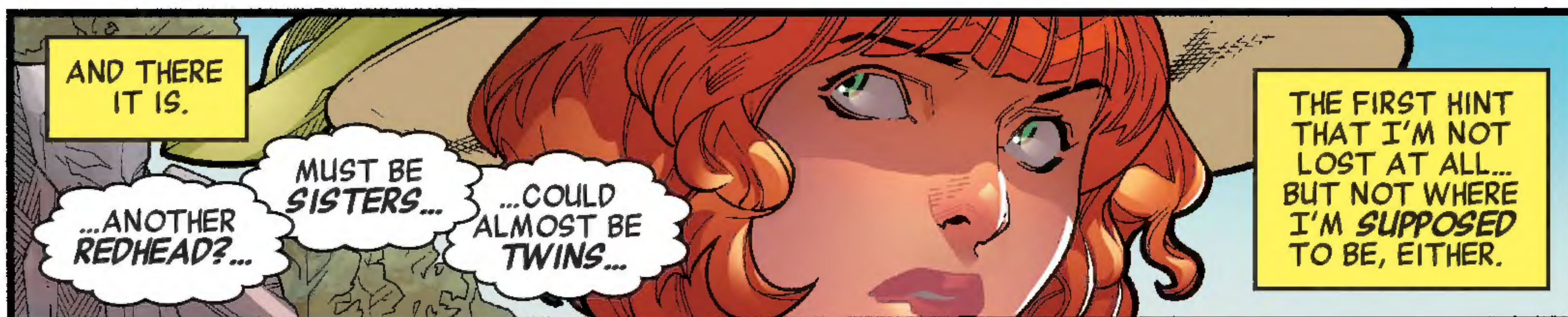
A QUICK MENTAL
SWEEP WILL HELP ME
FILL IN THE BLANKS.

...DID I
BRING MY
SUNBLOCK...

...NEEDED THIS...
DESERVED THIS...

...WARMER
THAN I
EXPECTED...

...LAST DAY OF
VACATION...



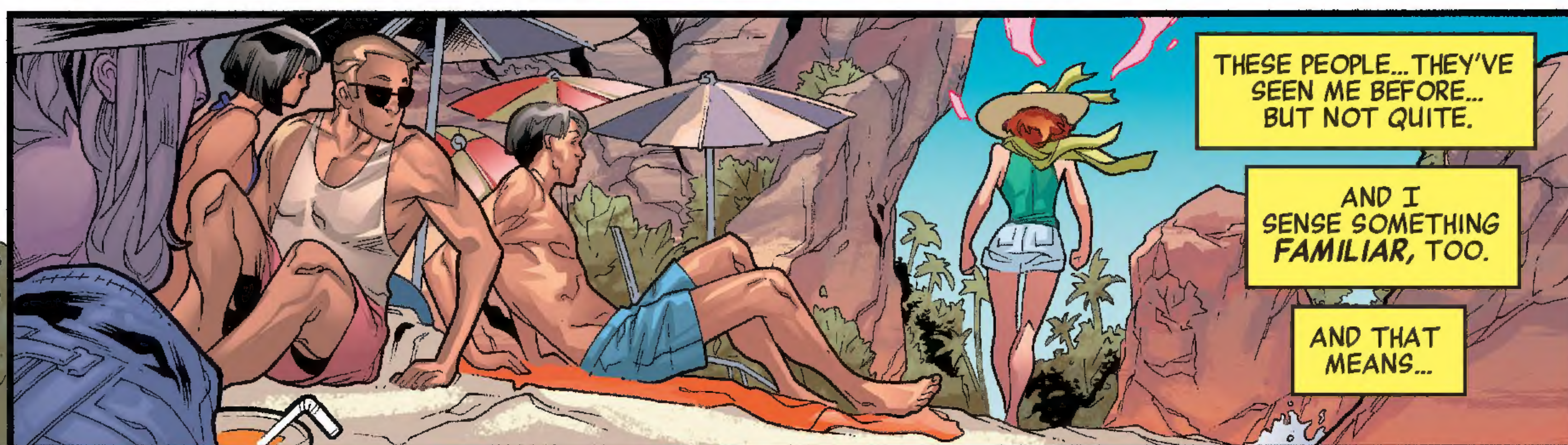
AND THERE
IT IS.

...ANOTHER
REDHEAD?...

MUST BE
SISTERS...

...COULD
ALMOST BE
TWINS...

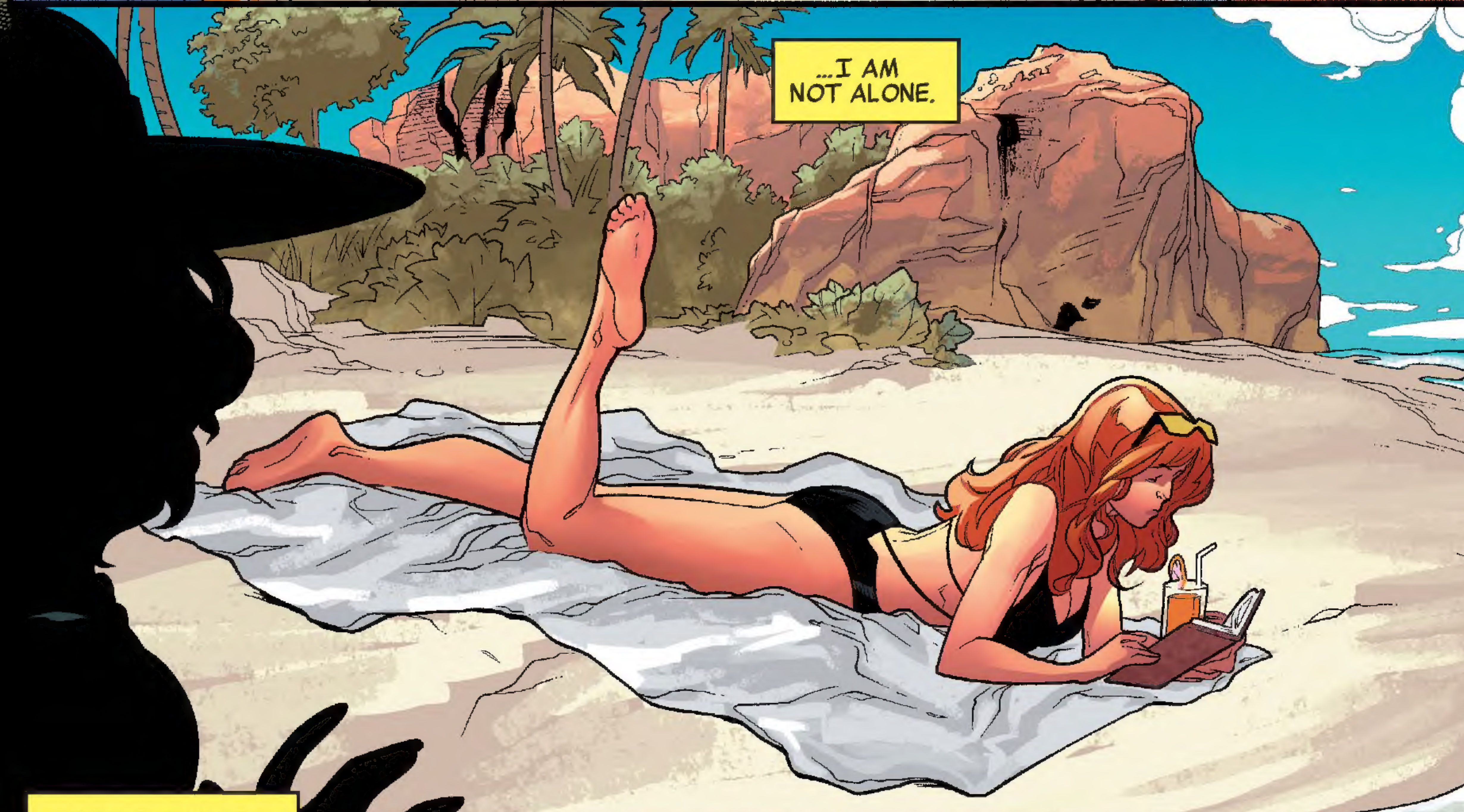
THE FIRST HINT
THAT I'M NOT
LOST AT ALL...
BUT NOT WHERE
I'M *SUPPOSED*
TO BE, EITHER.



THESE PEOPLE...THEY'VE
SEEN ME BEFORE...
BUT NOT QUITE.

AND I
SENSE SOMETHING
FAMILIAR, TOO.

AND THAT
MEANS...



...I AM
NOT ALONE.

SEEING MYSELF...
ANOTHER VERSION
OF MYSELF...BEFORE
ME IS UNSETTLING
ENOUGH.

BUT IT'S NOT JUST ANOTHER
JEAN GREY I'M LOOKING AT.

IT'S--

--THE PHOENIX.

IT'S LIKE
LOOKING
INTO A MIRROR
AND BARELY
RECOGNIZING
YOURSELF.

I'VE ONLY
EVER SEEN
THIS VERSION
OF MYSELF
THROUGH
THE EYES...

...THE IDOLIZING
THOUGHTS AND
MEMORIES...

...OF
OTHERS.

BUT I
KNOW HER.

NOT IN THE WAY
I KNOW MYSELF...
BUT IN THE WAY I
KNOW THE RECURRING
NIGHTMARES
THAT CHASE ME
WHEN I SLEEP.

JEAN GREY.

THE HEART
AND SOUL OF
THE X-MEN.

THE ALL-
POWERFUL HOST OF
THE PHOENIX FORCE,
THE EMBODIMENT
OF BOTH LIFE AND
DESTRUCTION.

THE ONLY
PERSON
CAPABLE
OF FALLING
SO FAR...

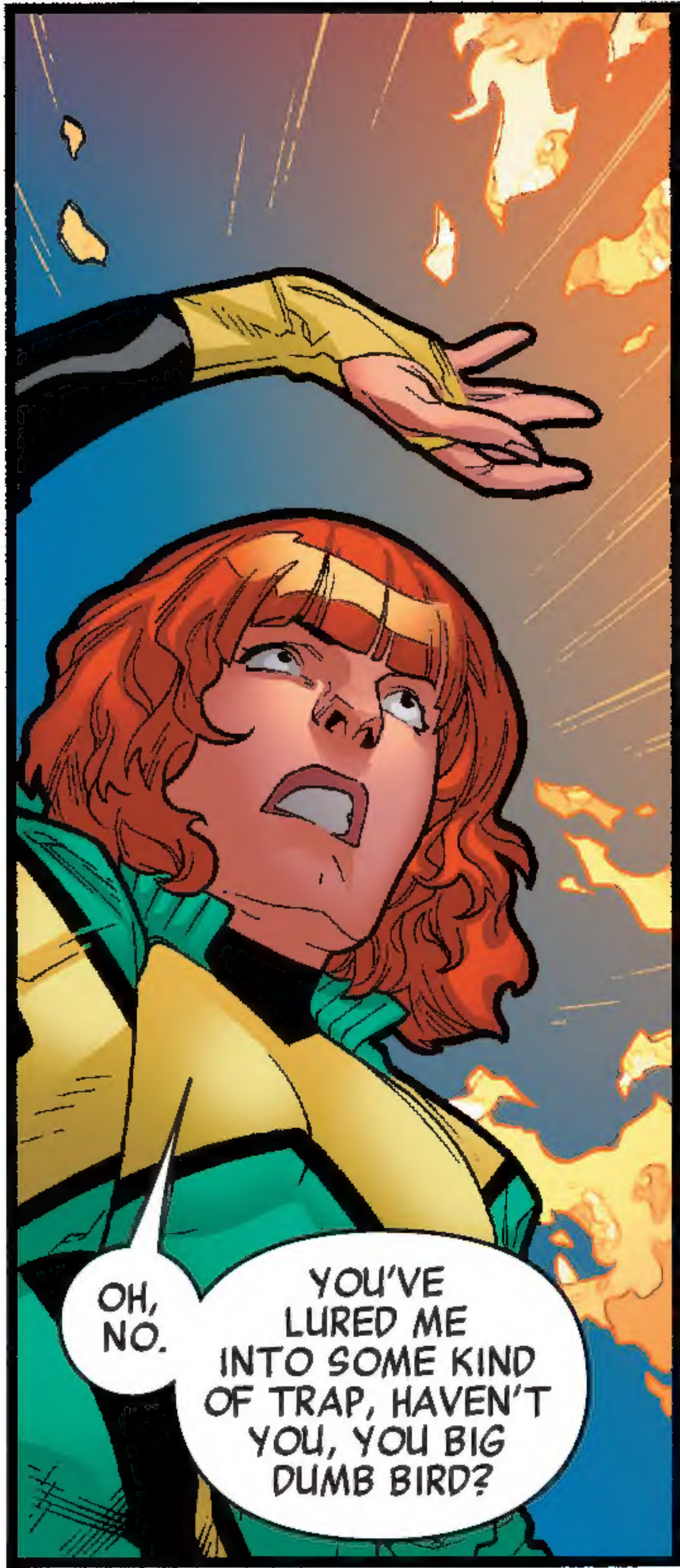
...AND
TAKING
SO MUCH
WITH
HER.

JEAN GREY.

WHO
DIED
YEARS
AGO...

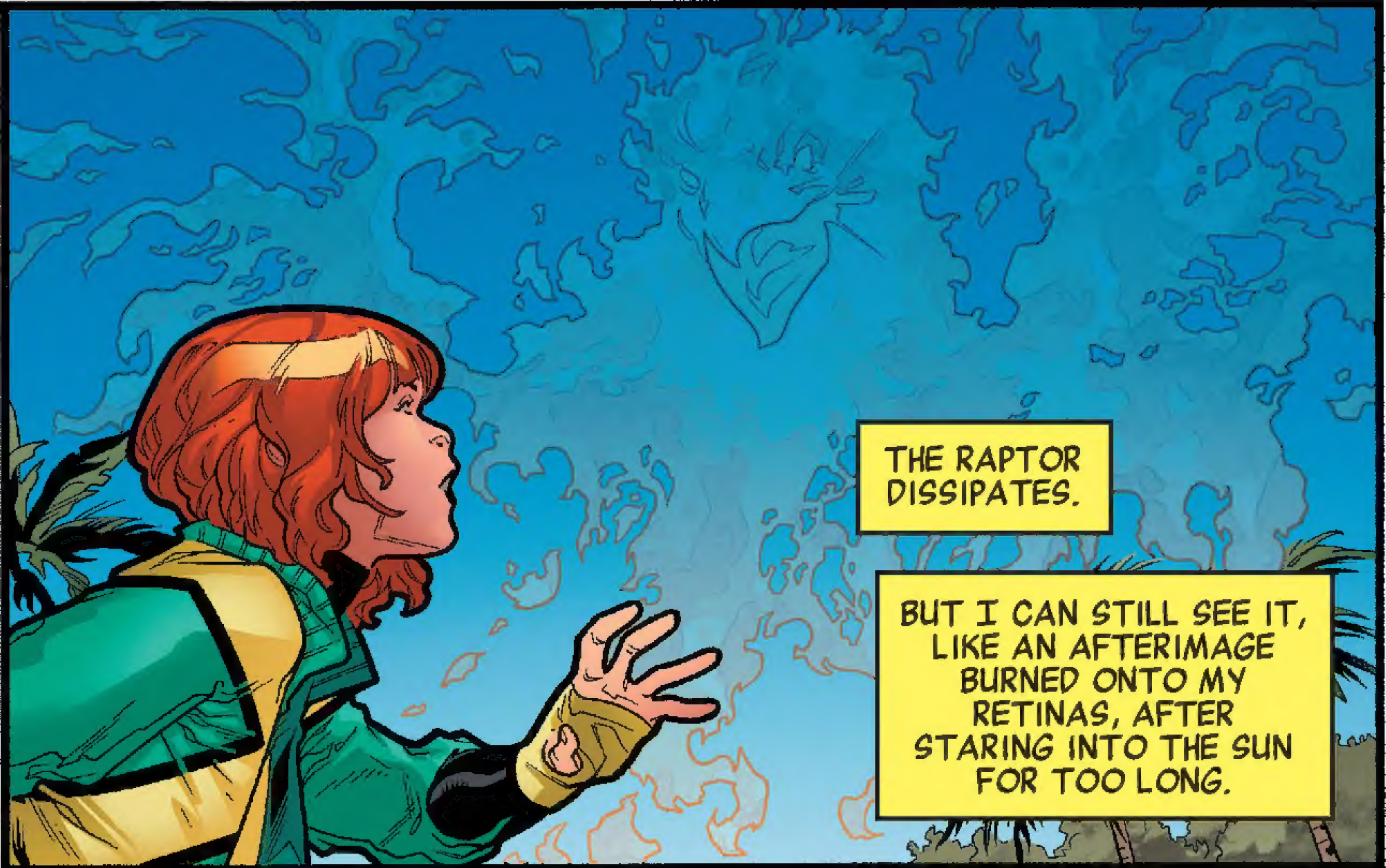
...LEAVING
THE PHOENIX
FREE TO
HUNT ME.*

*SEE THE
JEAN GREY
ONGOING!
-DARREN!



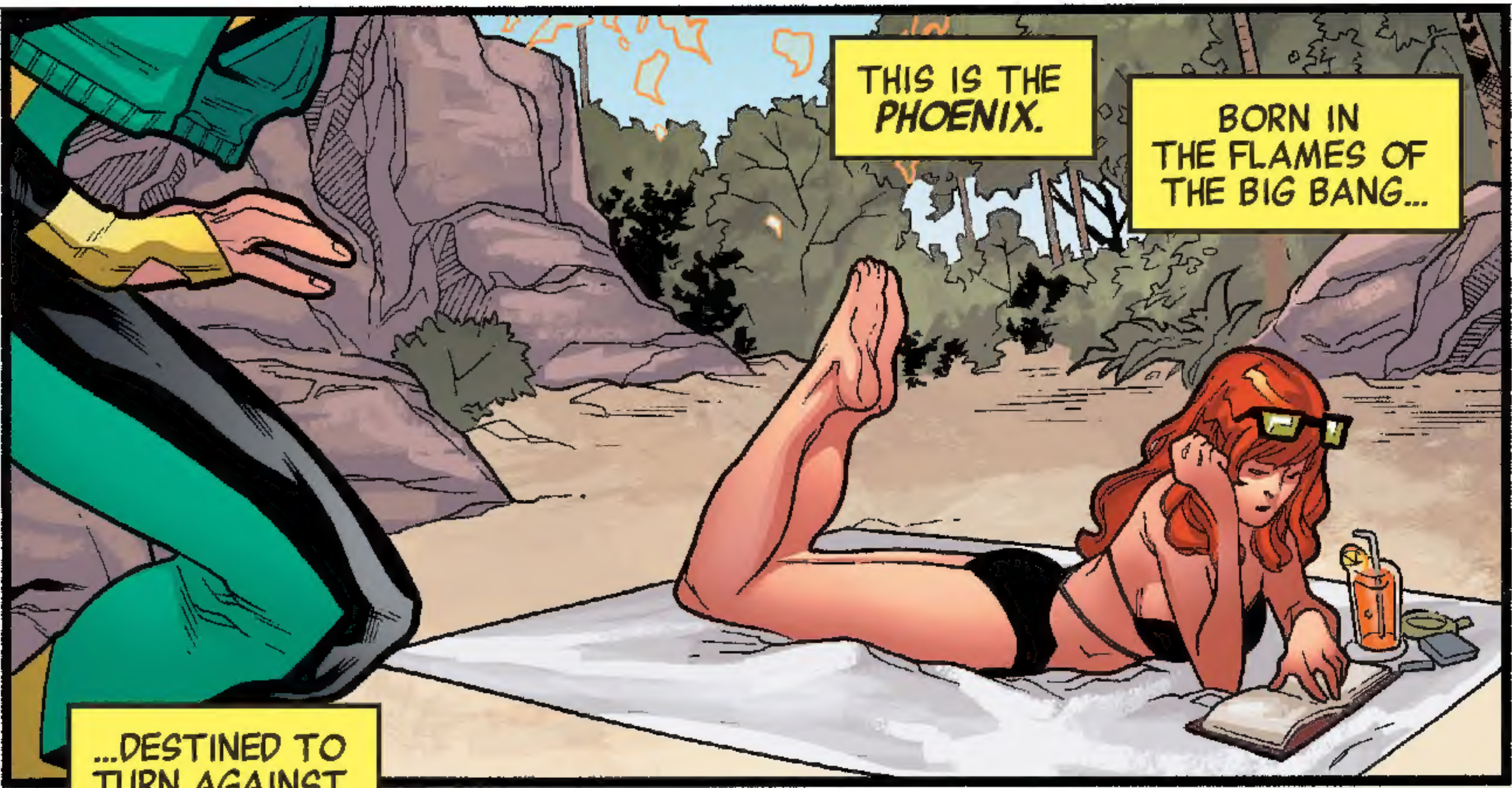
OH, NO.

YOU'VE LURED ME INTO SOME KIND OF TRAP, HAVEN'T YOU, YOU BIG DUMB BIRD?



THE RAPTOR DISSIPATES.

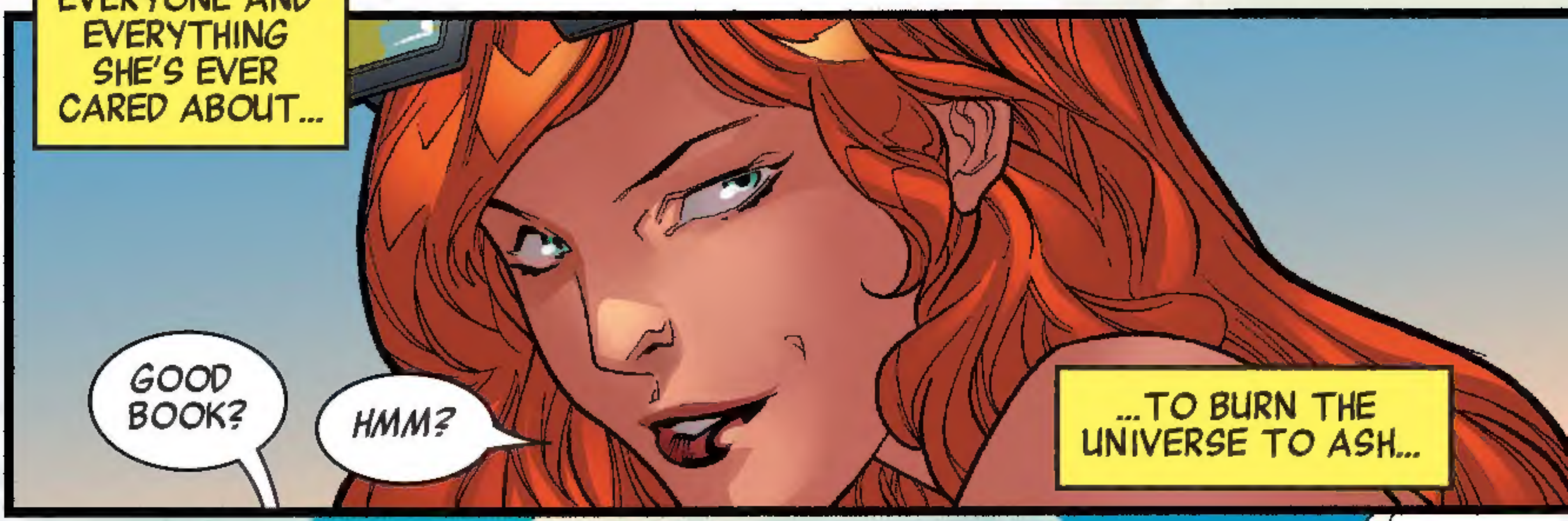
BUT I CAN STILL SEE IT, LIKE AN AFTERIMAGE BURNED ONTO MY RETINAS, AFTER STARING INTO THE SUN FOR TOO LONG.



THIS IS THE PHOENIX.

BORN IN THE FLAMES OF THE BIG BANG...

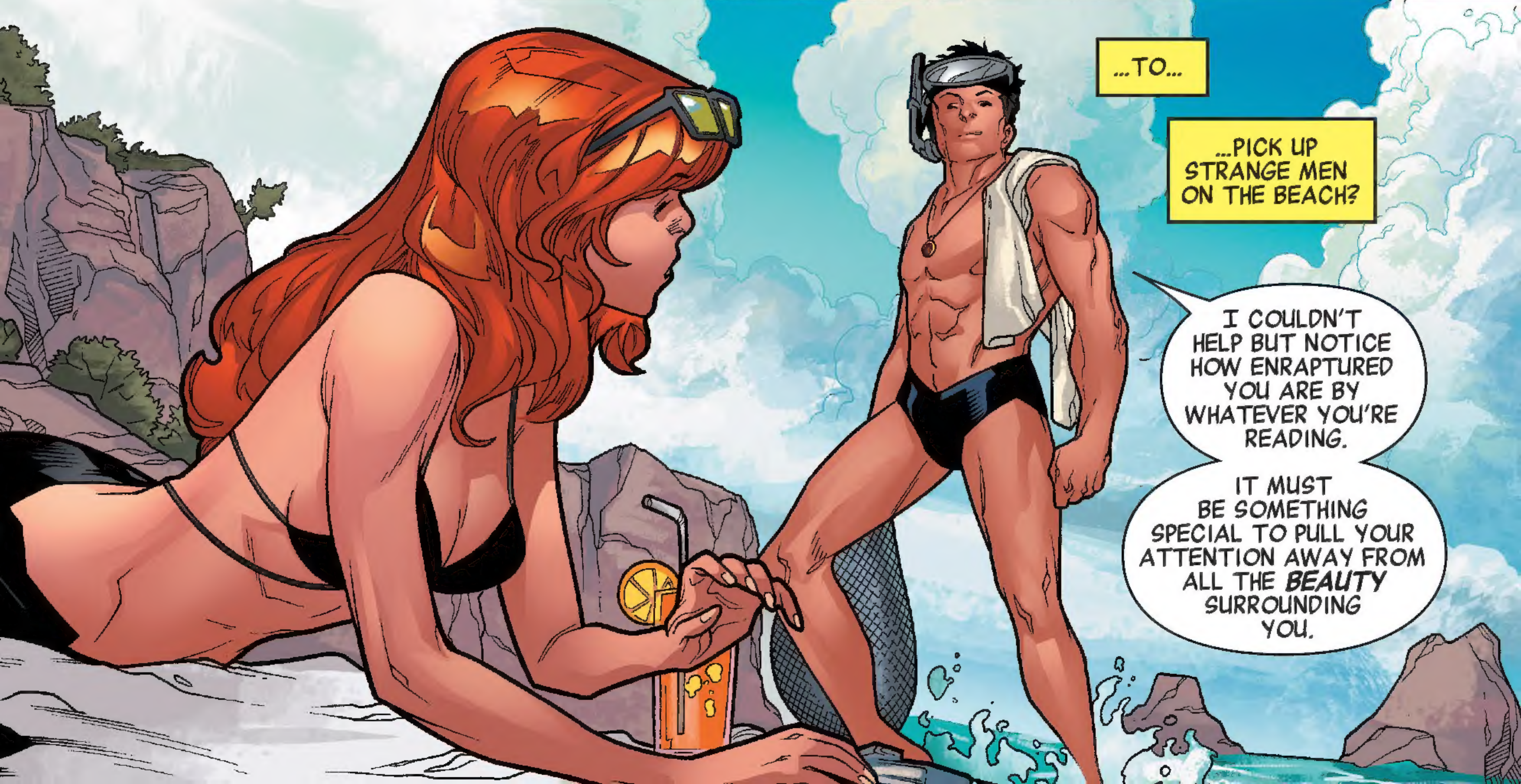
...DESTINED TO TURN AGAINST EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING SHE'S EVER CARED ABOUT...



GOOD BOOK?

HMM?

...TO BURN THE UNIVERSE TO ASH...



...TO...

...PICK UP STRANGE MEN ON THE BEACH?

I COULDN'T HELP BUT NOTICE HOW ENRAPTURED YOU ARE BY WHATEVER YOU'RE READING.

IT MUST BE SOMETHING SPECIAL TO PULL YOUR ATTENTION AWAY FROM ALL THE *BEAUTY* SURROUNDING YOU.



JUST CATCHING UP ON MY STUDIES, I GUESS.



AH! A **STUDENT** ON SABBATICAL!

HOW EXCITING!

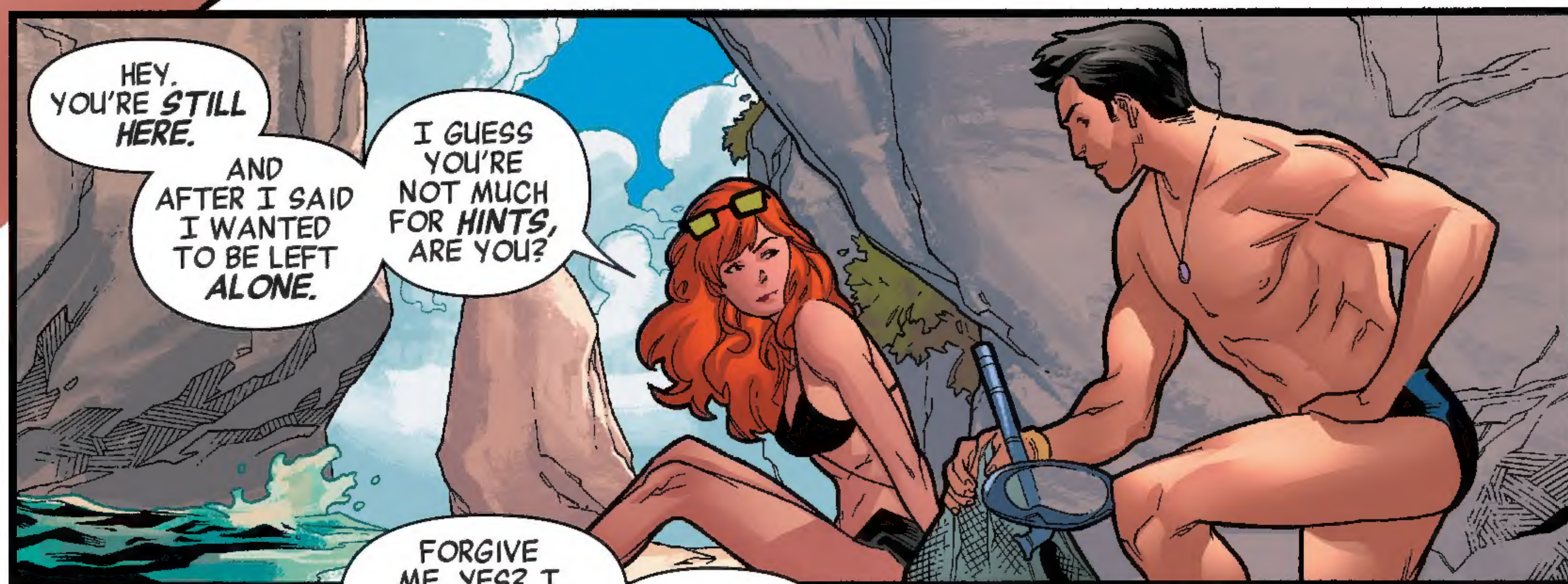
WHERE DO YOU GO TO SCHOOL?



LOOK, I'M NOT REALLY IN THE MOOD FOR COMPANY...

...UH...

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?



HEY. YOU'RE **STILL** HERE.

AND AFTER I SAID I WANTED TO BE LEFT ALONE.

I GUESS YOU'RE NOT MUCH FOR **HINTS**, ARE YOU?

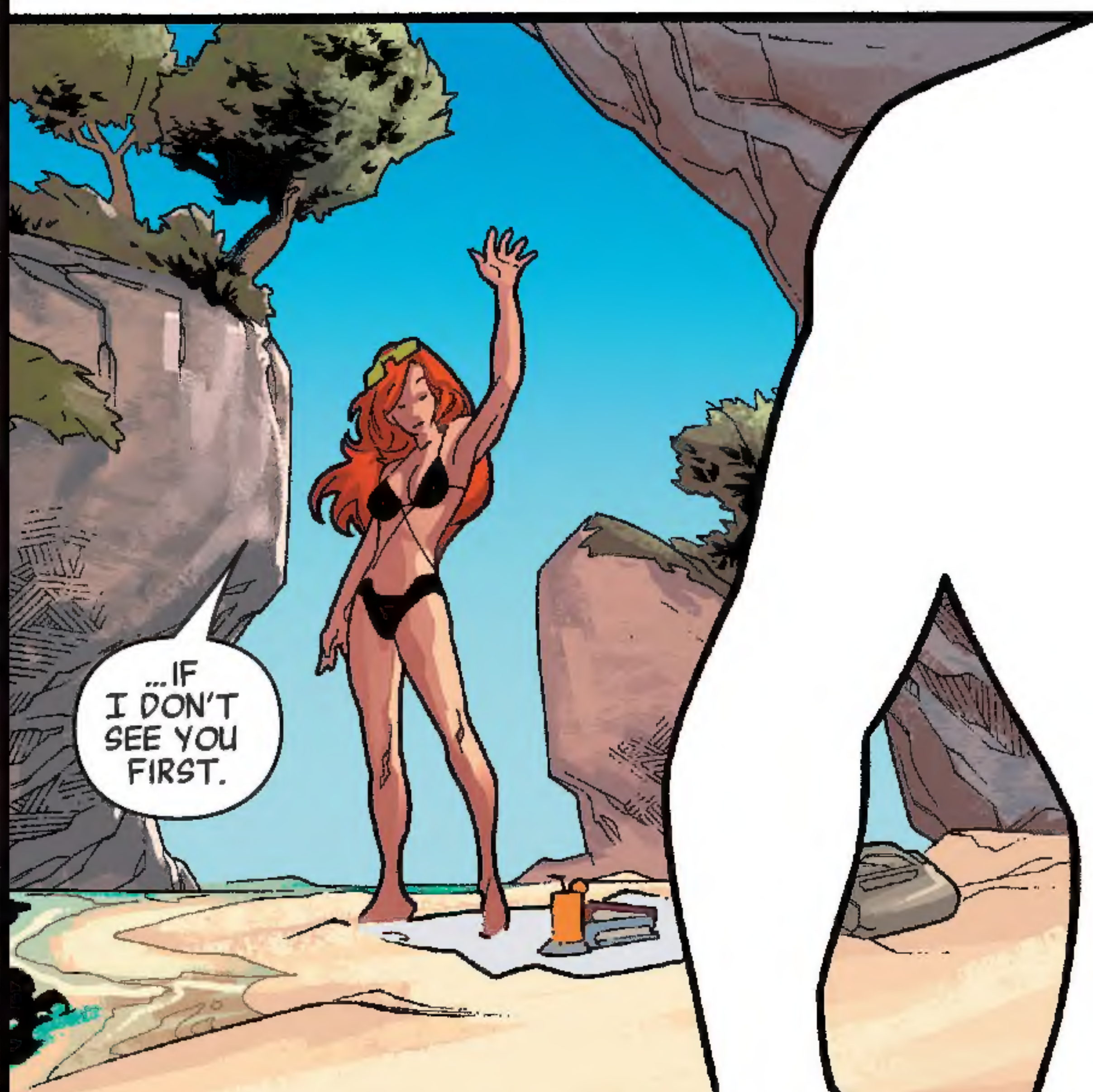
FORGIVE ME, YES? I DON'T WANT TO INTRUDE.

PERHAPS I'LL SEE YOU LATER.



SURE.

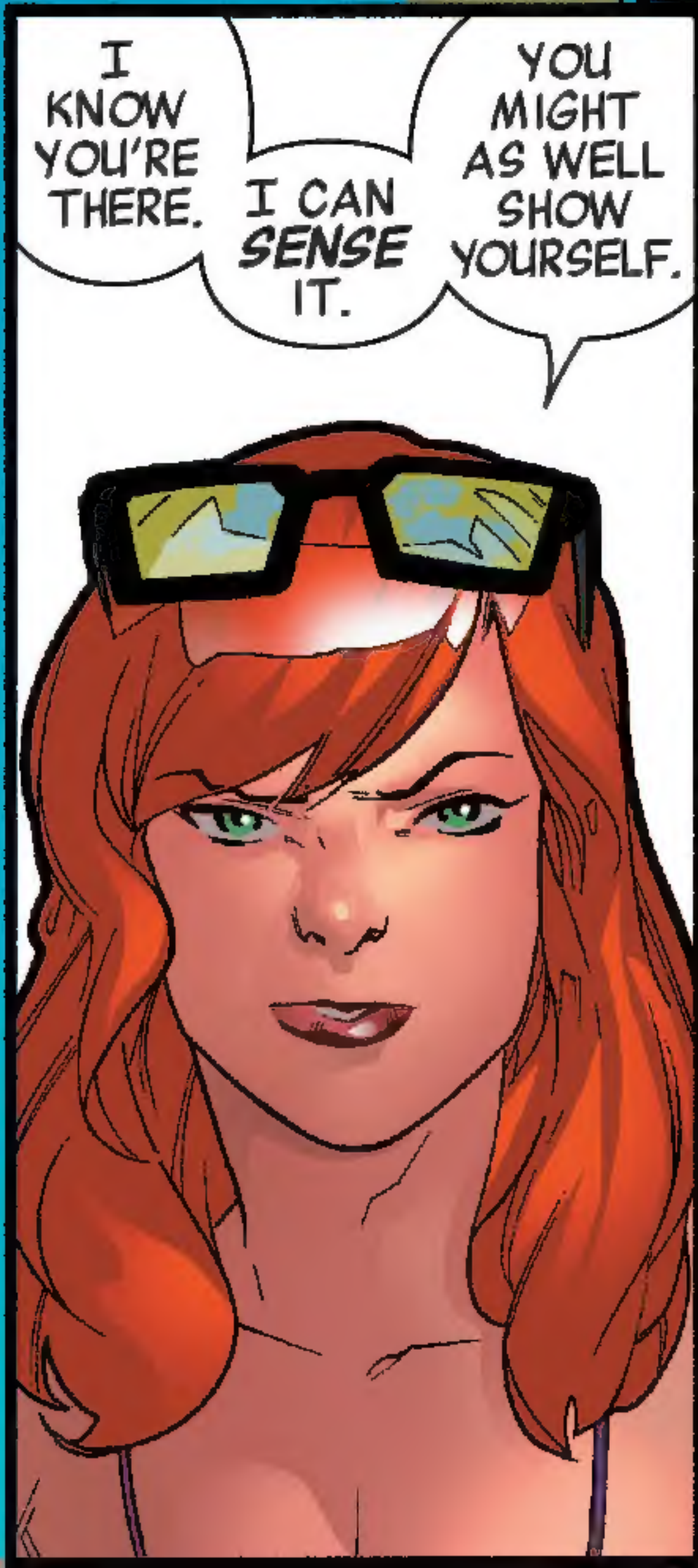
MAYBE...



...IF I DON'T SEE YOU FIRST.



UH-OH.



I KNOW YOU'RE THERE.

I CAN *SENSE* IT.

YOU MIGHT AS WELL SHOW YOURSELF.



YEAH.

THIS FEELS AS *WEIRD* AS YOU MIGHT THINK.

UH... HI.

ACTUALLY... *WEIRDER.*

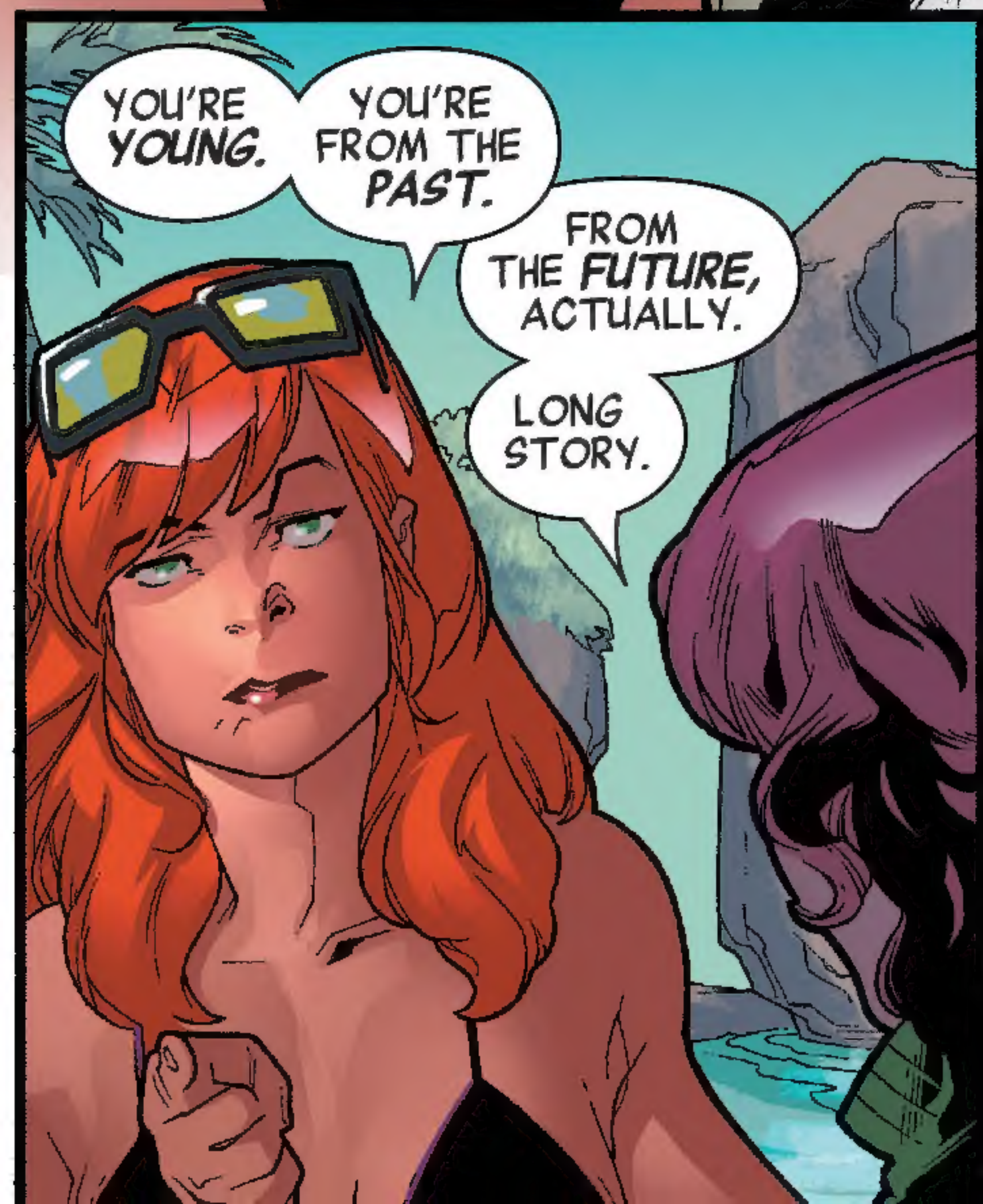


I...KNOW YOU.

YOU'RE--

YEAH, I GUESS SO.

I'M YOU.

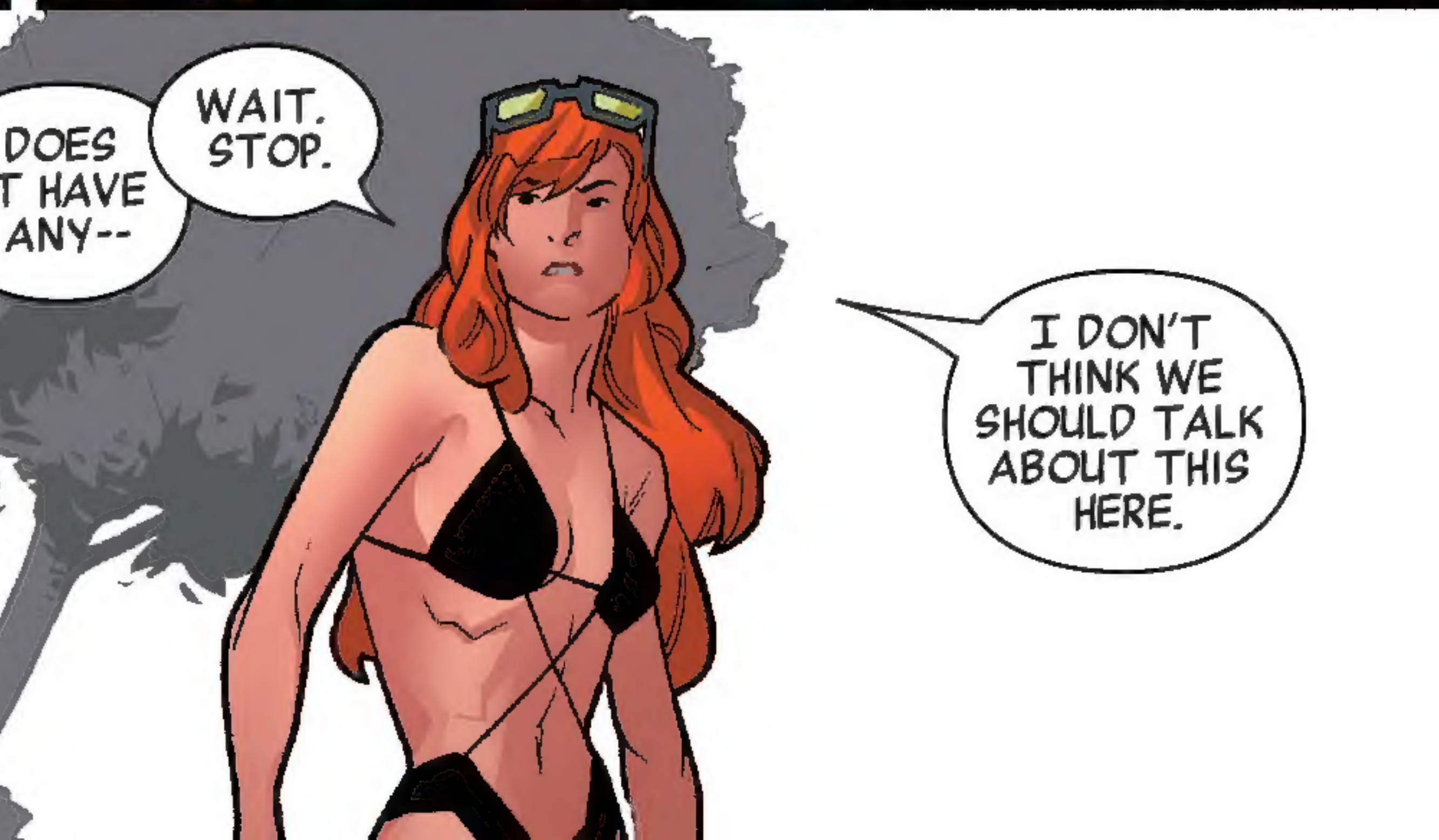
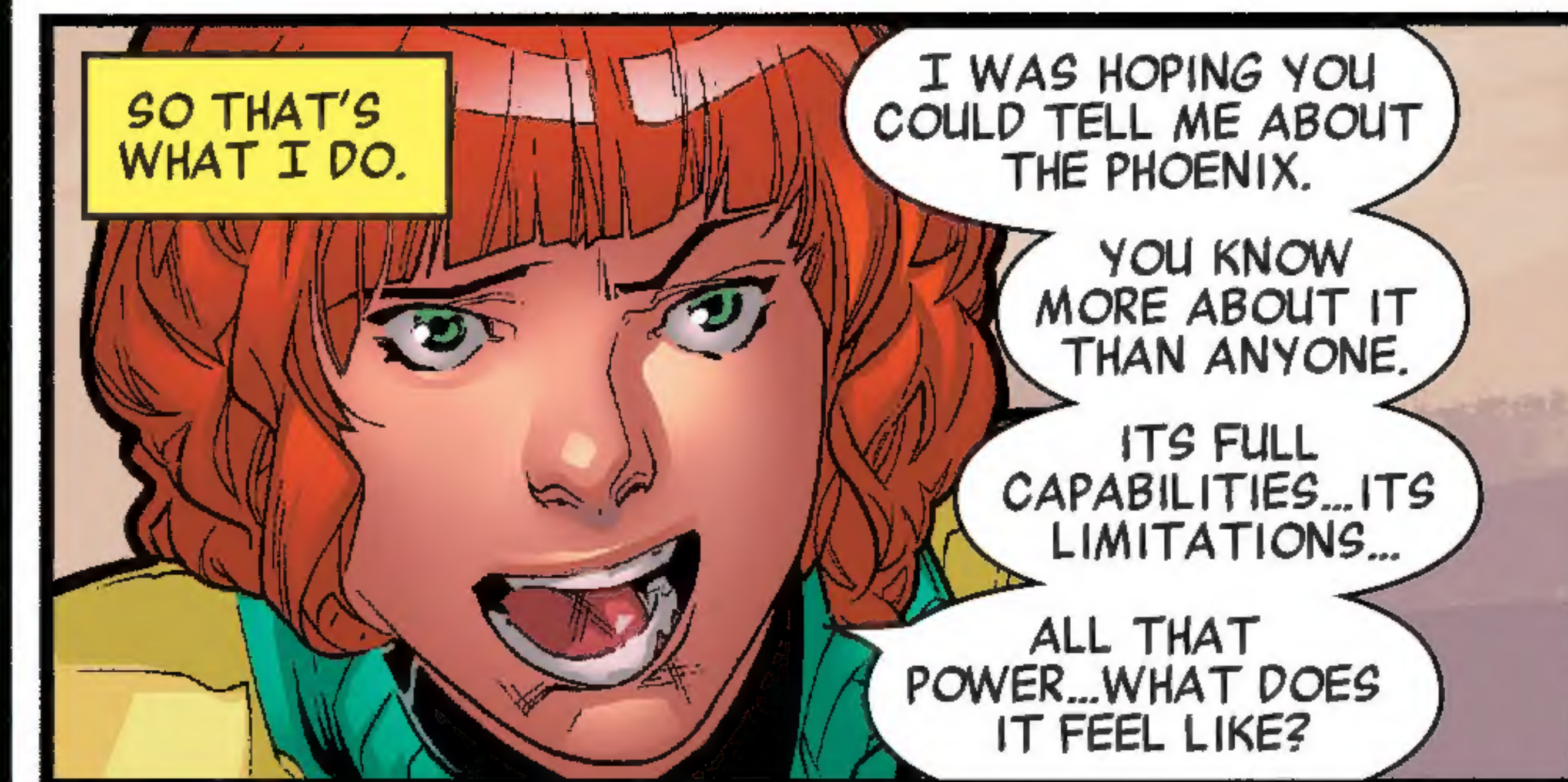
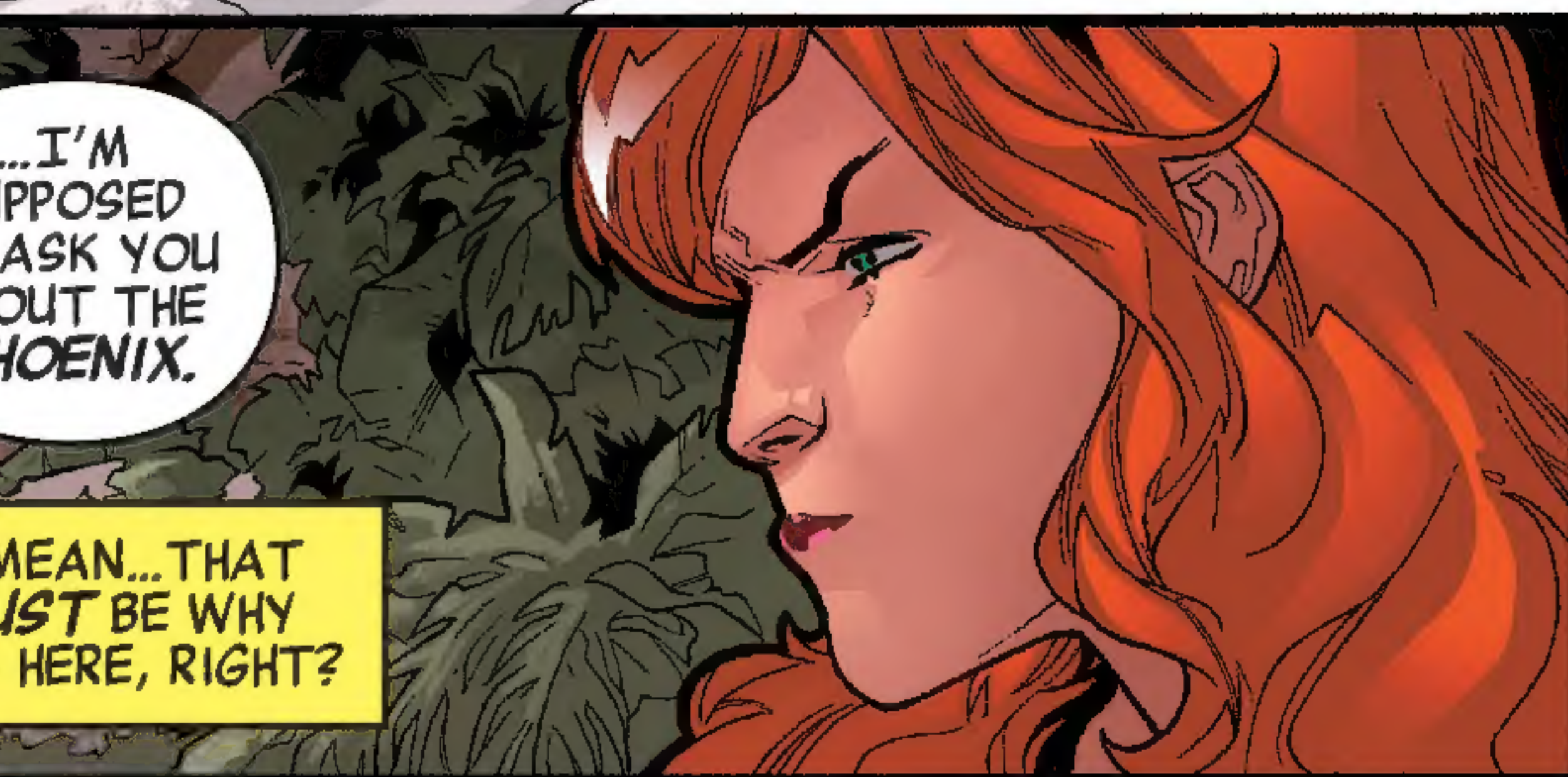
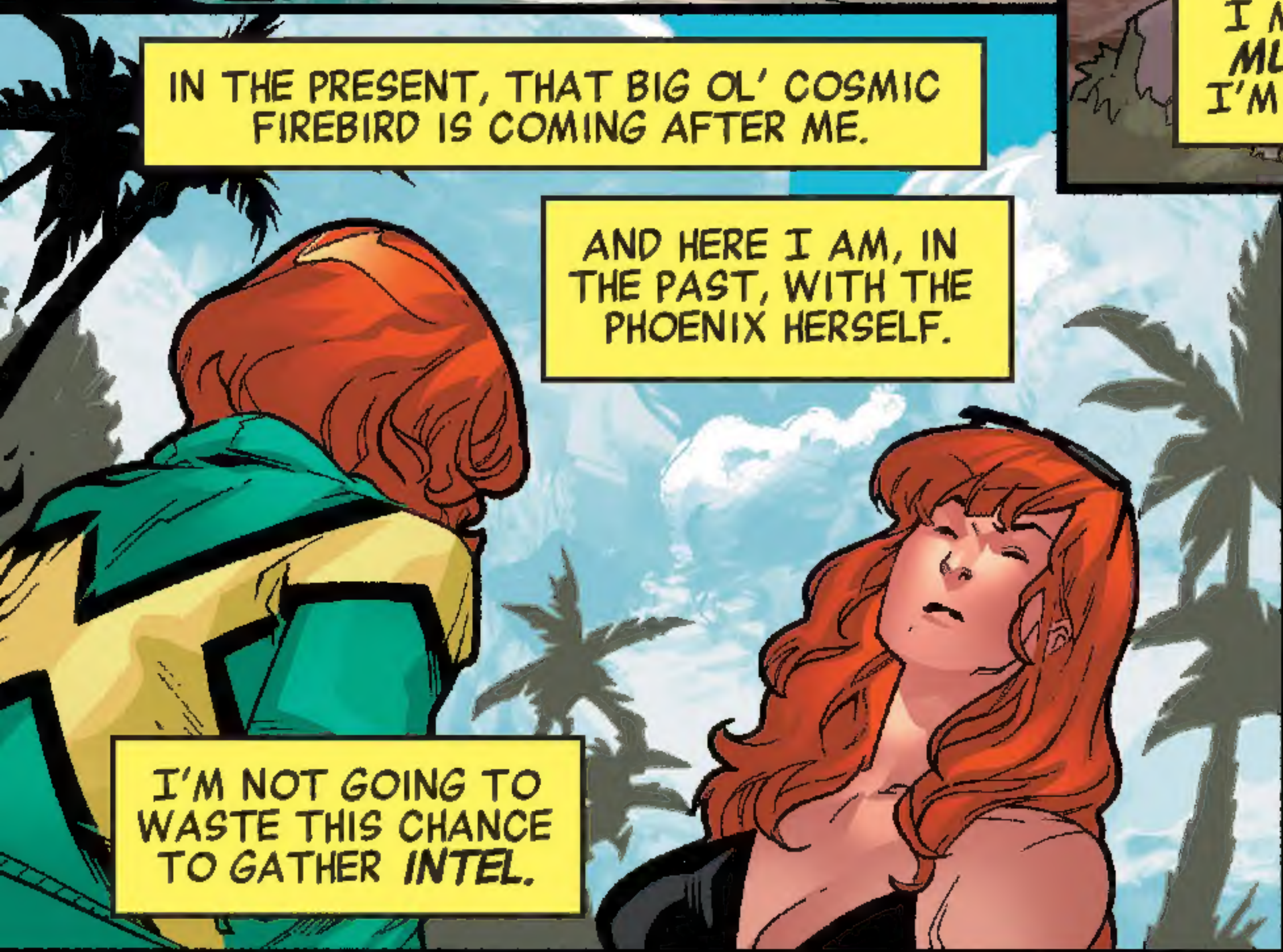
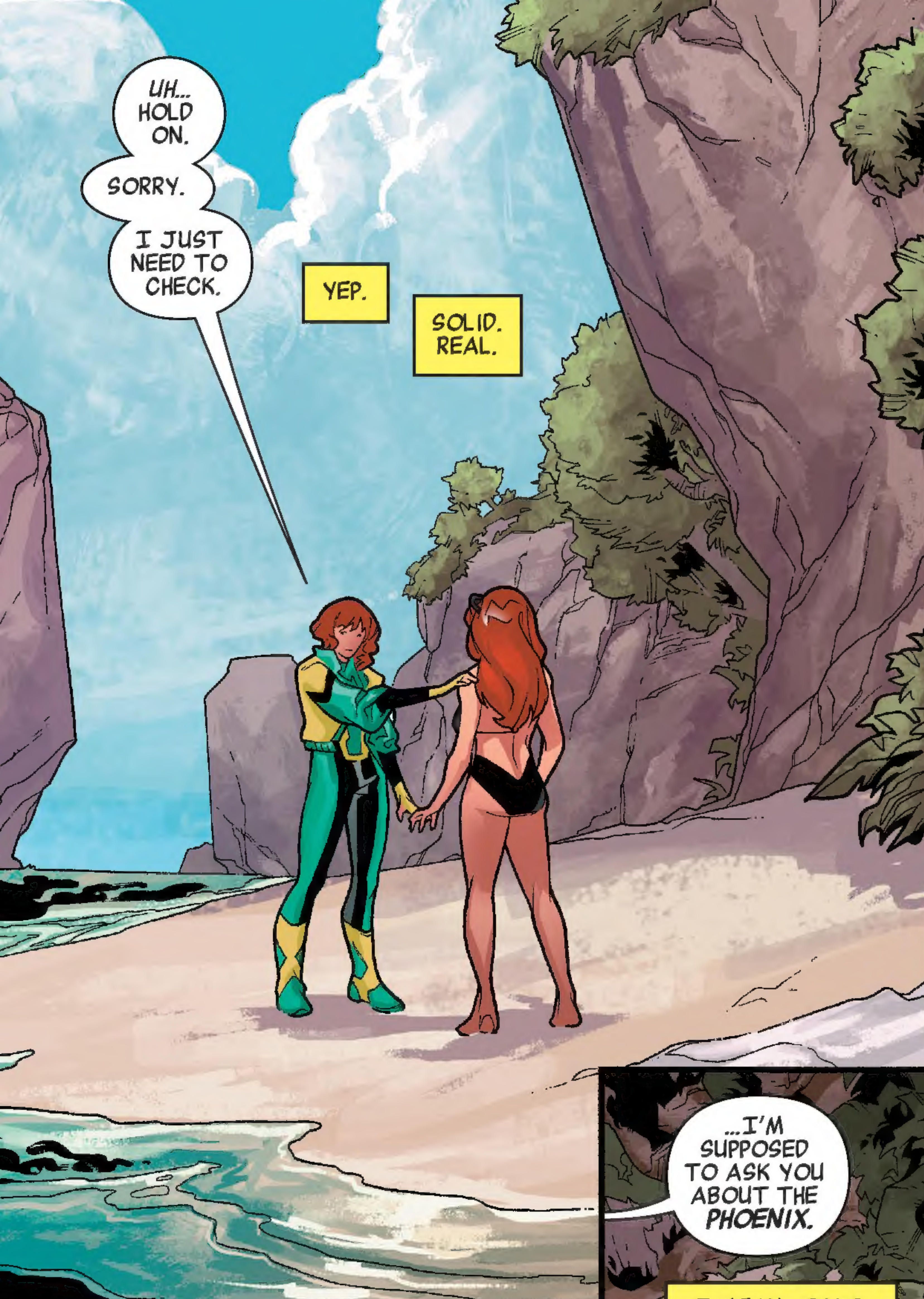


YOU'RE *YOUNG.*

YOU'RE FROM THE *PAST.*

FROM THE *FUTURE*, ACTUALLY.

LONG STORY.





I'M STARVING.

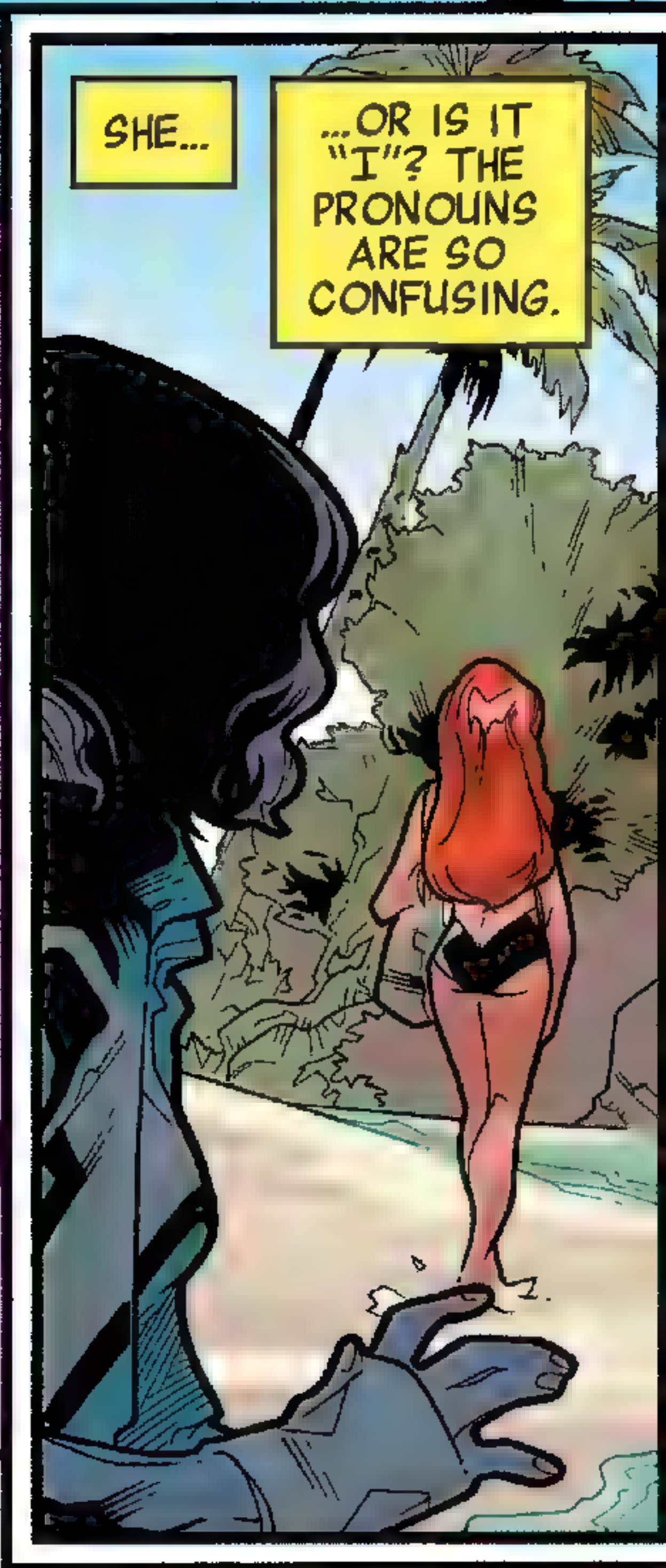
ARE YOU STARVING?

I...
UH...GUESS
I COULD
EAT.



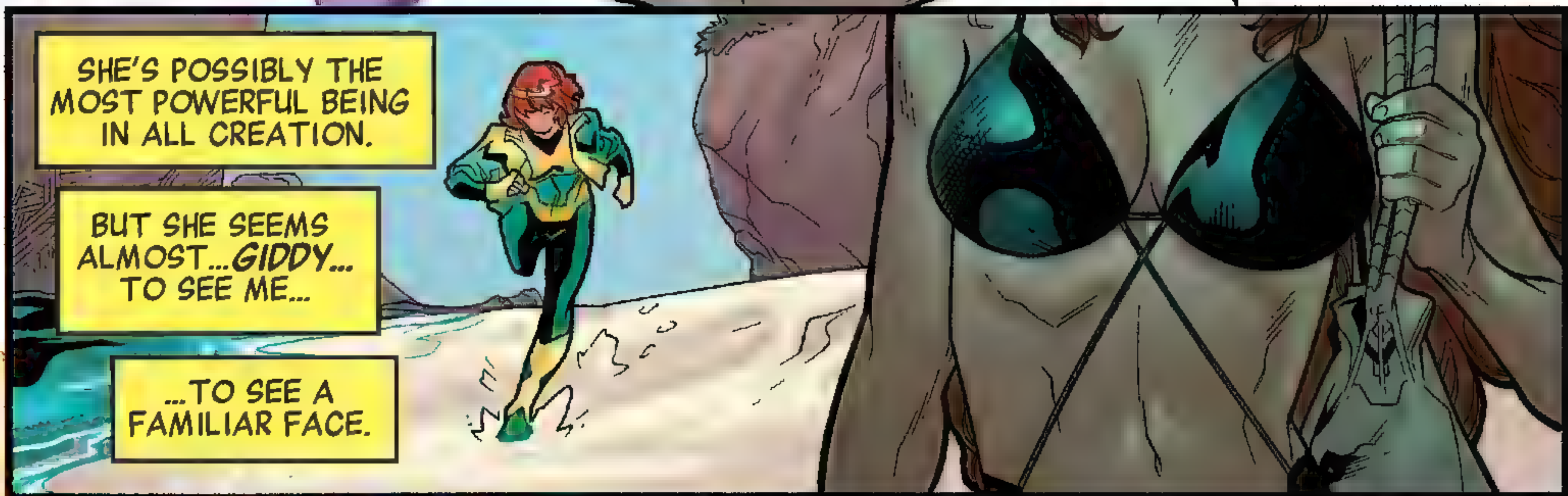
GREAT.

THERE'S A
TERRIFIC CAFÉ
NOT FAR FROM
HERE.



SHE...

...OR IS IT
"I"? THE
PRONOUNS
ARE SO
CONFUSING.



SHE'S POSSIBLY THE
MOST POWERFUL BEING
IN ALL CREATION.

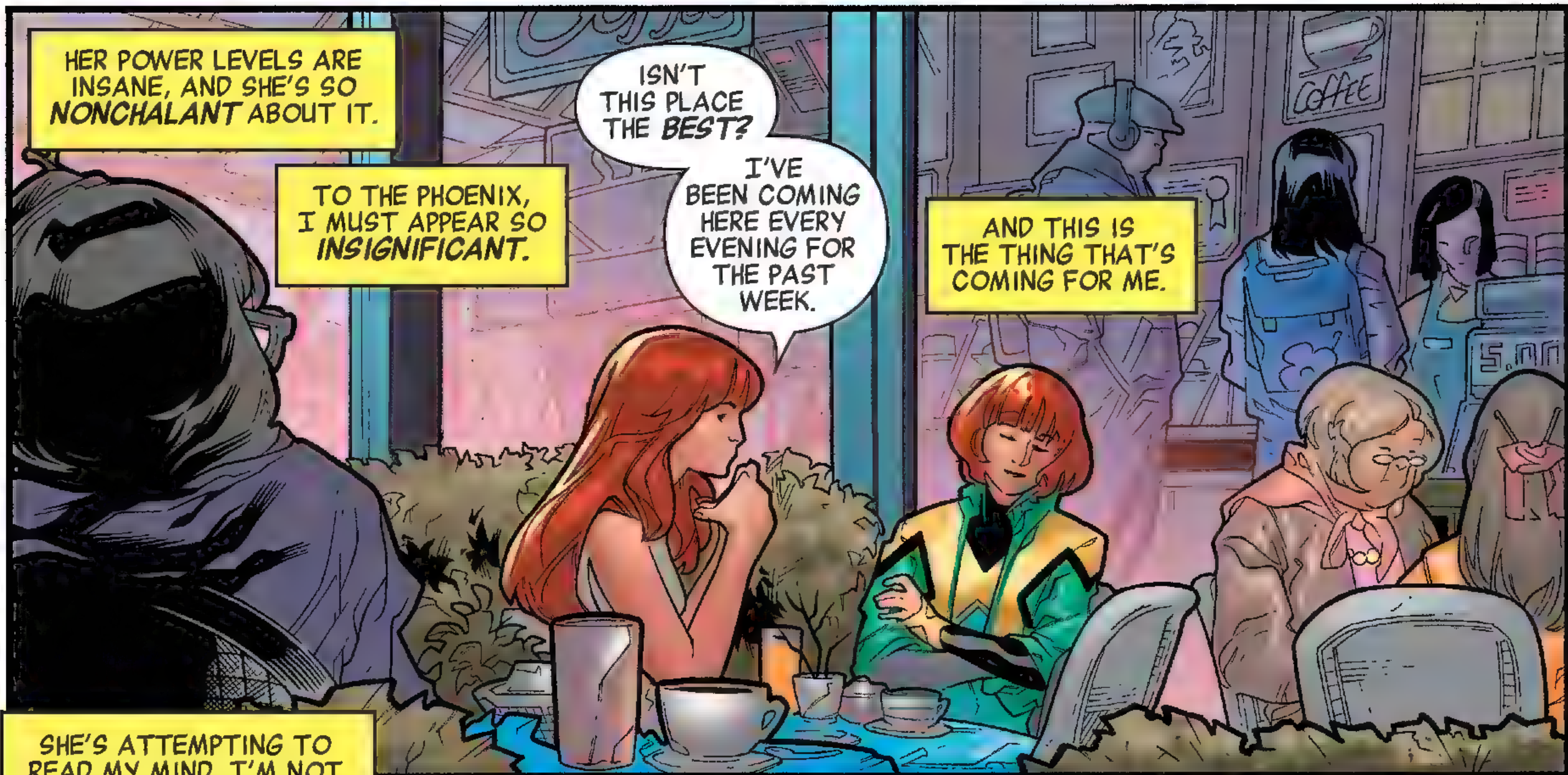
BUT SHE SEEMS
ALMOST...GIDDY...
TO SEE ME...

...TO SEE A
FAMILIAR FACE.

AND--JUST
LIKE THAT--
SHE REMINDS
ME WHO I'M
DEALING WITH.



THIS IS A
ME THAT CAN
CASUALLY USE
TELEKINESIS
TO ALTER THE
MOLECULES
OF FABRIC.



HER POWER LEVELS ARE
INSANE, AND SHE'S SO
NONCHALANT ABOUT IT.

TO THE PHOENIX,
I MUST APPEAR SO
INSIGNIFICANT.

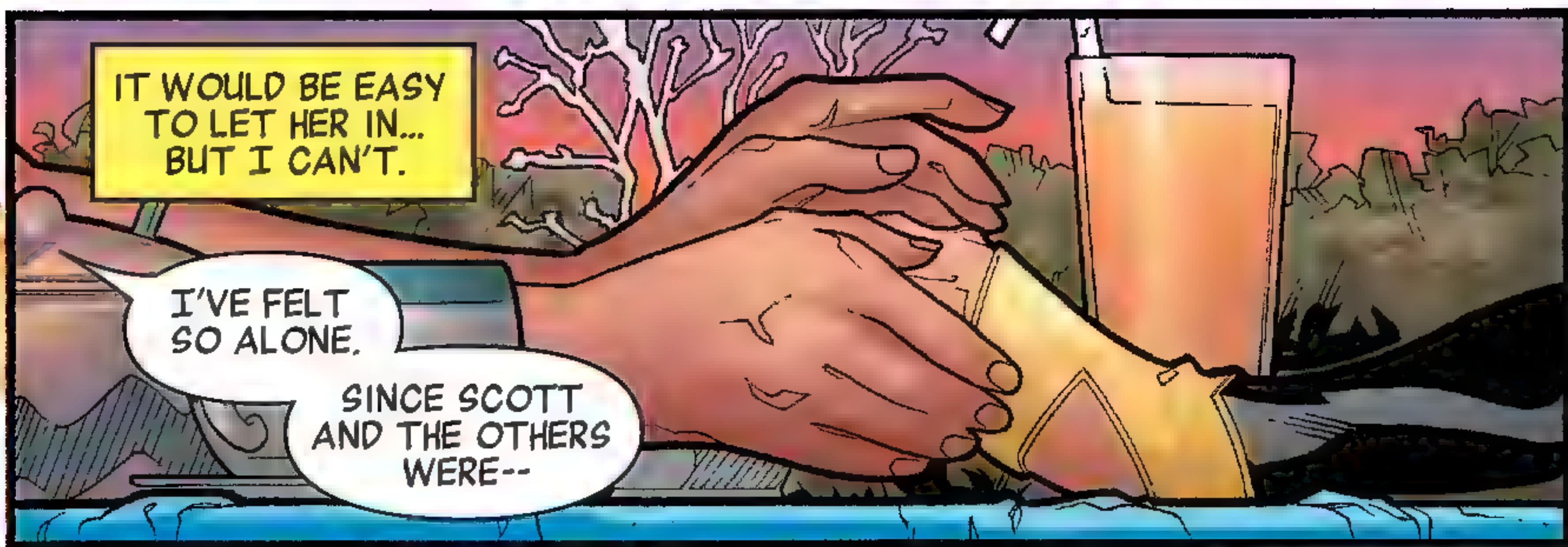
ISN'T
THIS PLACE
THE BEST?

I'VE
BEEN COMING
HERE EVERY
EVENING FOR
THE PAST
WEEK.

AND THIS IS
THE THING THAT'S
COMING FOR ME.

SHE'S ATTEMPTING TO
READ MY MIND. I'M NOT
SURE IF IT'S INTENTIONAL
OR INSTINCTIVE.

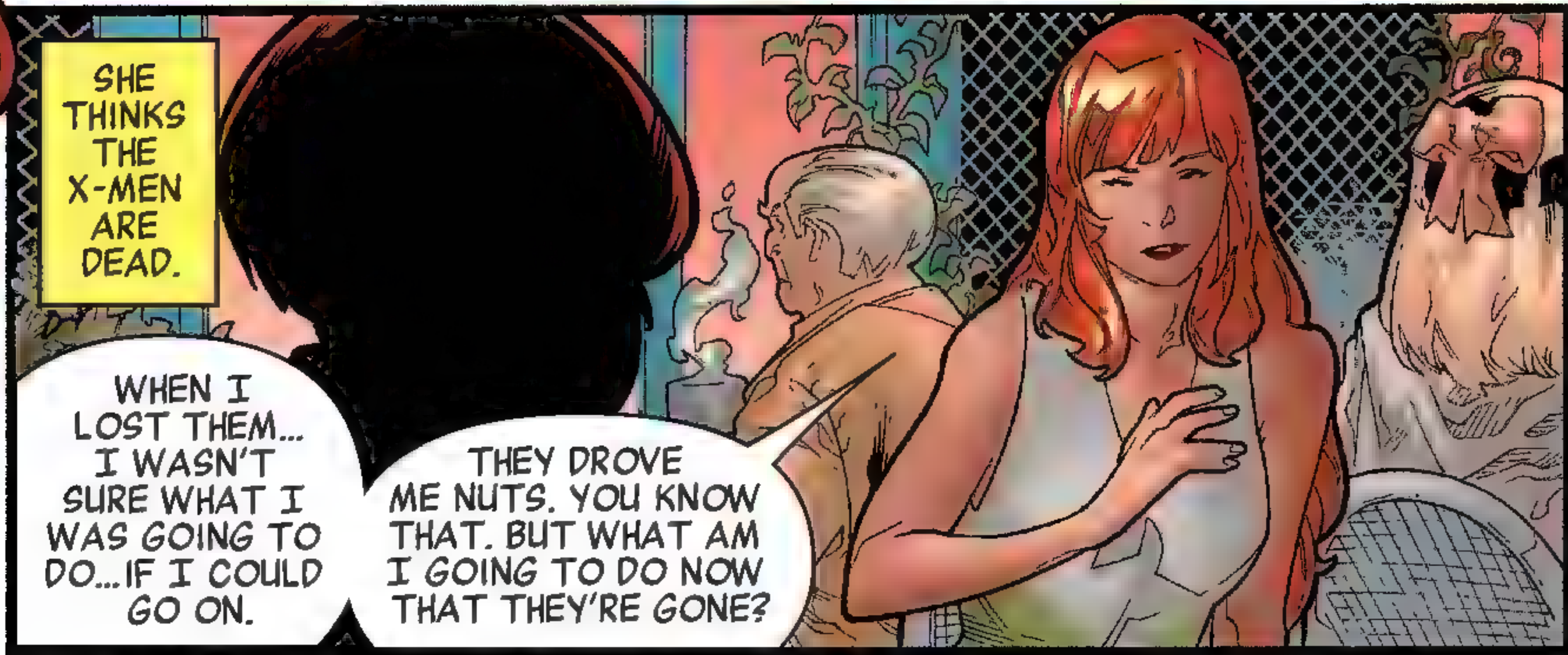
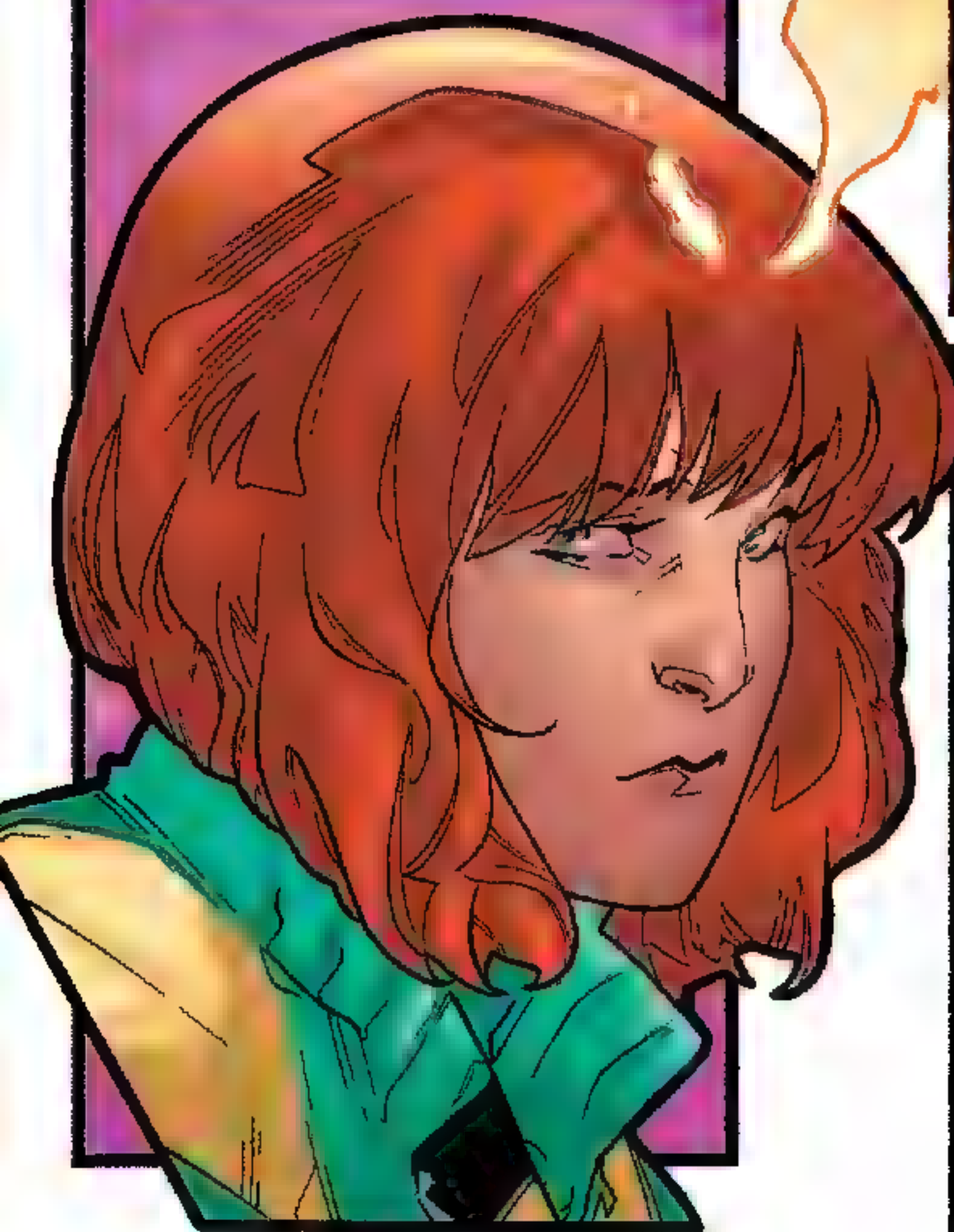
BUT I CAN
FEEL HER THOUGHTS
TICKLING ACROSS MY
PSYCHIC DEFENSES.



IT WOULD BE EASY
TO LET HER IN...
BUT I CAN'T.

I'VE FELT
SO ALONE.

SINCE SCOTT
AND THE OTHERS
WERE--



SHE
THINKS
THE
X-MEN
ARE
DEAD.

WHEN I
LOST THEM...
I WASN'T
SURE WHAT I
WAS GOING TO
DO...IF I COULD
GO ON.

THEY DROVE
ME NUTS. YOU KNOW
THAT. BUT WHAT AM
I GOING TO DO NOW
THAT THEY'RE GONE?

FOR A SECOND,
I CONSIDER
TELLING HER
THAT SHE'LL SOON
LEARN HER FRIENDS
ARE ALIVE AND
WELL, BUT--

COME
ON.

I WANT
TO SHOW
YOU AROUND
WHILE I HAVE
YOU HERE.

LET'S
HAVE A
LITTLE
FUN.

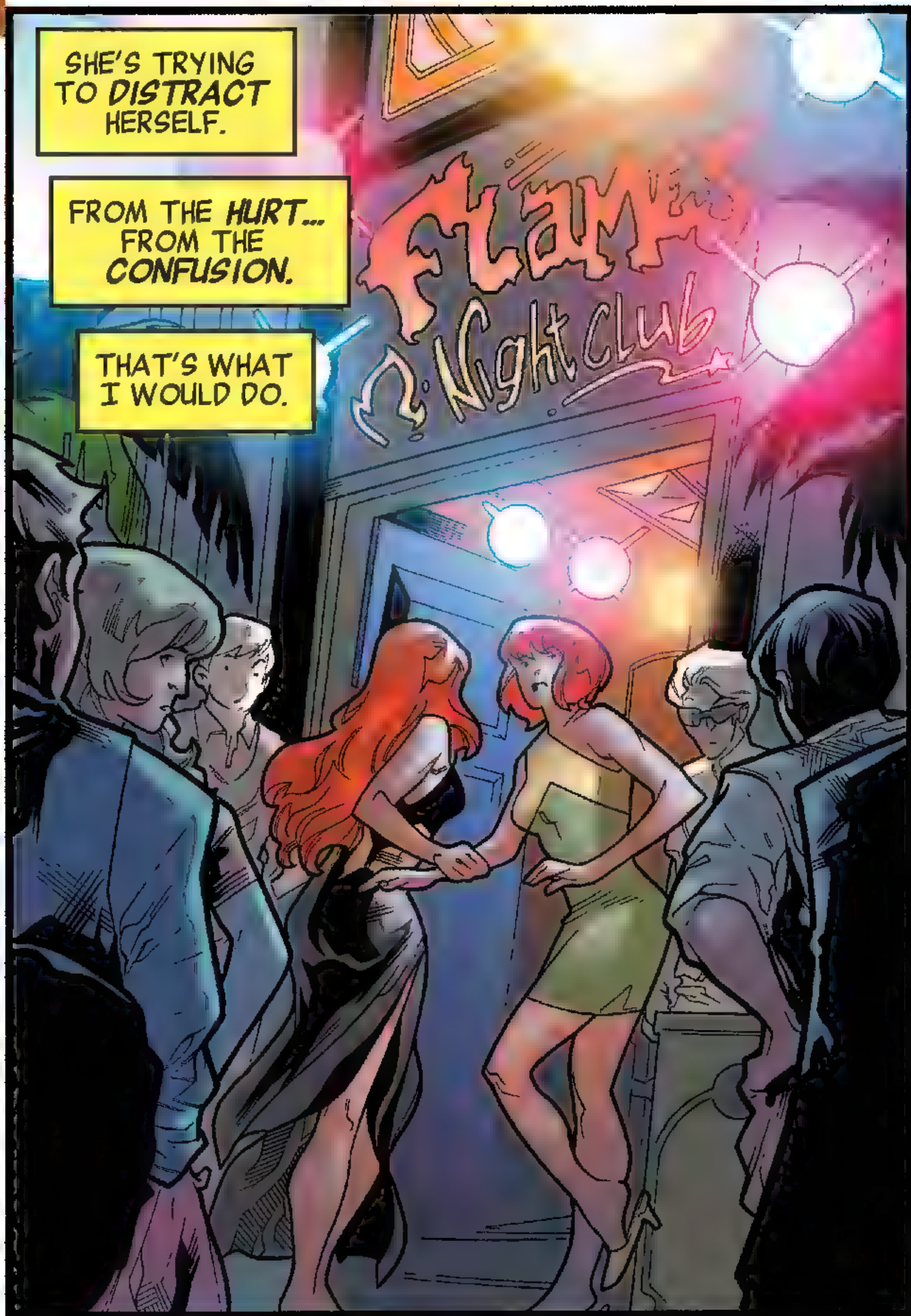
I DON'T
KNOW.

I'M
NOT REALLY
DRESSED
FOR--





OH!

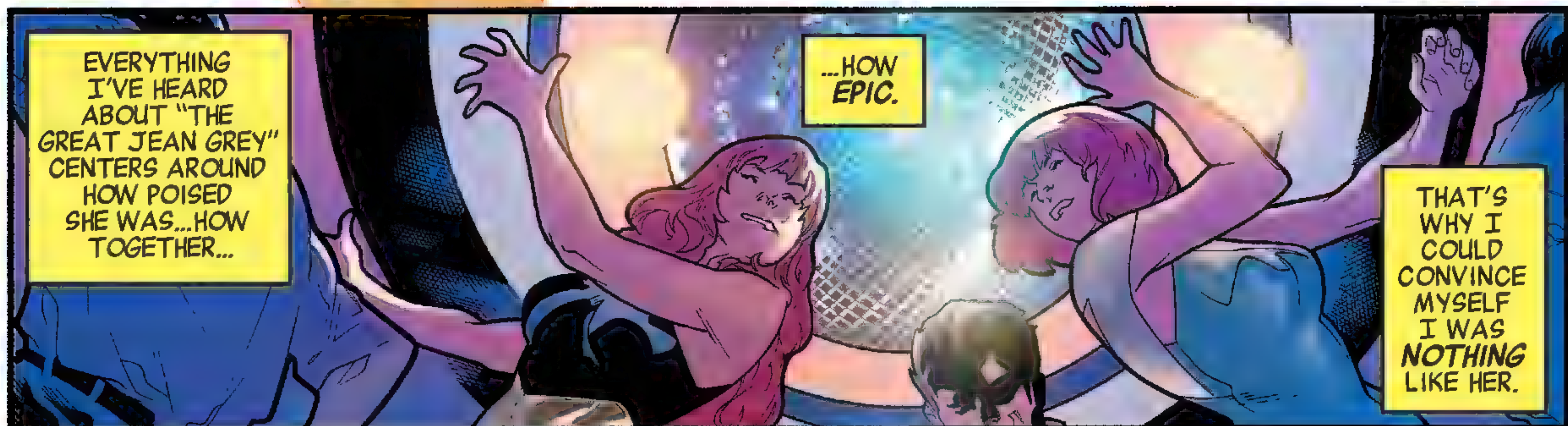


SHE'S TRYING TO **DISTRACT** HERSELF.

FROM THE **HURT...**
FROM THE
CONFUSION.

THAT'S WHAT
I WOULD DO.

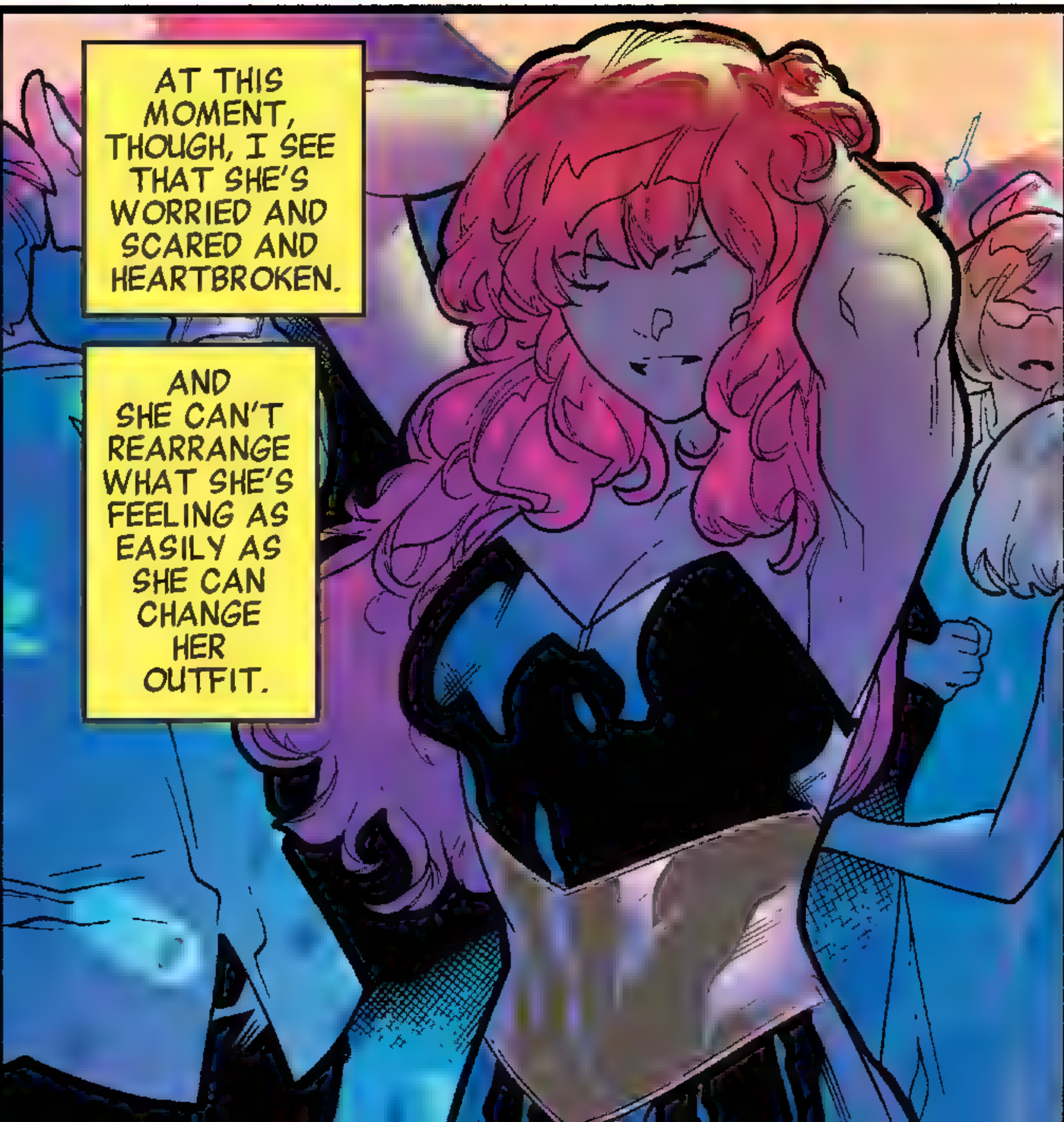
Flame
Night Club



EVERYTHING
I'VE HEARD
ABOUT "THE
GREAT JEAN GREY"
CENTERS AROUND
HOW POISED
SHE WAS...HOW
TOGETHER...

...HOW
EPIC.

THAT'S
WHY I
COULD
CONVINCE
MYSELF
I WAS
NOTHING
LIKE HER.



AT THIS
MOMENT,
THOUGH, I SEE
THAT SHE'S
WORRIED AND
SCARED AND
HEARTBROKEN.

AND
SHE CAN'T
REARRANGE
WHAT SHE'S
FEELING AS
EASILY AS
SHE CAN
CHANGE
HER
OUTFIT.



I SEE MYSELF
IN HER.

AND THAT
TERRIFIES
ME.



SO, HEY--

ABOUT
THE PHOENIX.

THERE
ARE SO
MANY THINGS
I WANT
TO KNOW.



WHAT DOES
IT FEEL LIKE?

HOW DO YOU
CONTROL IT?

DOES IT SPEAK
TO YOU THE WAY IT
SPEAKS TO ME?



IF I DIDN'T
KNOW BETTER,
I'D SAY YOU WERE
ACTIVELY AVOIDING
HAVING A GOOD
TIME.

UH--

WHY DO YOU
WANT TO KNOW
SO MUCH ABOUT
THE PHOENIX?



BECAUSE THE PHOENIX FORCE
IS COMING FOR ME.

BECAUSE I'LL NEED
TO FIGHT IT IF I DON'T
WANT TO BE CONSUMED
THE WAY YOU WILL.

BECAUSE THE GUY FROM THE
BEACH IS FOLLOWING YOU.

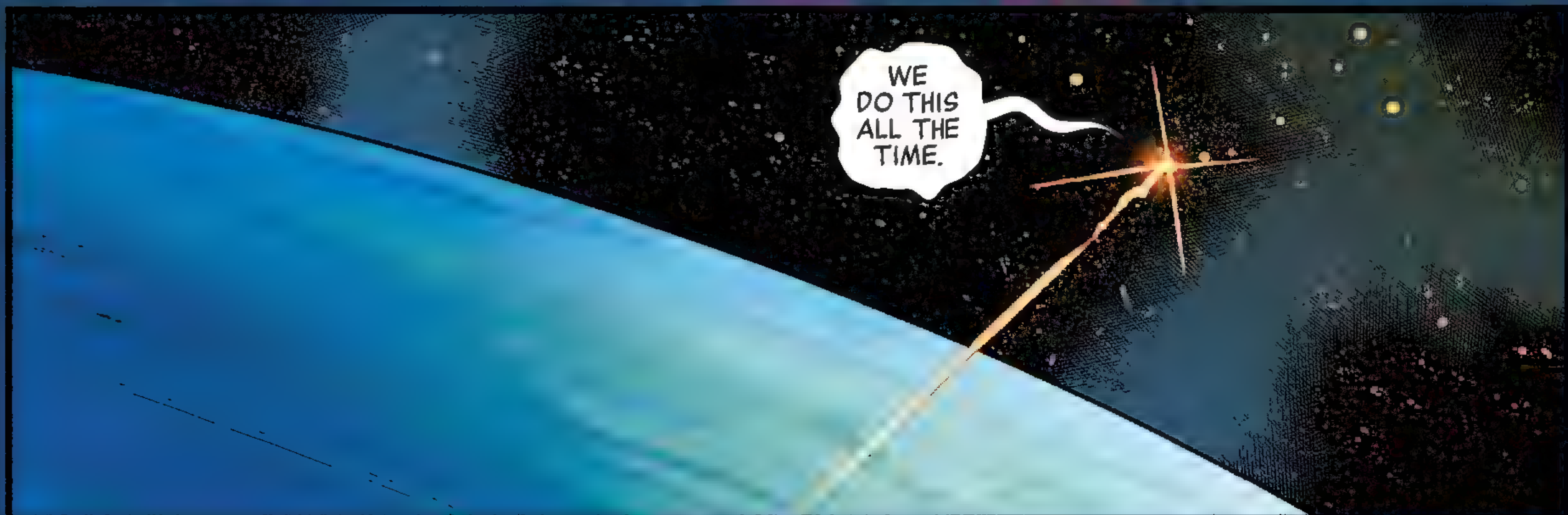


BECAUSE HE'S
SMARMY ENOUGH
AS IT IS, BUT IF
YOU COULD SEE
THROUGH HIS
DISGUISE...



...YOU'D SEE
THAT HE IS REALLY
THE DEGENERATE
ILLUSIONIST
MASTERMIND...

...AND HE'S
GOING TO
MESS YOU
UP SO BAD.





THIS...

...IT'S...

...WE'RE IN
SPACE!

AND
CIRCLE
GETS THE
SQUARE.

WE'RE MOVING
FASTER THAN I
THOUGHT POSSIBLE.

I'M **BREATHING** IN
THE VOID OF SPACE.

SHE'S
SHOWING ME
JUST HOW
POWERFUL
SHE IS.

TO THE **PHOENIX**,
IT'S SECOND NATURE,
REQUIRING NO MORE
THOUGHT THAN
BLINKING.

W-WHERE
ARE YOU
TAKING
ME?

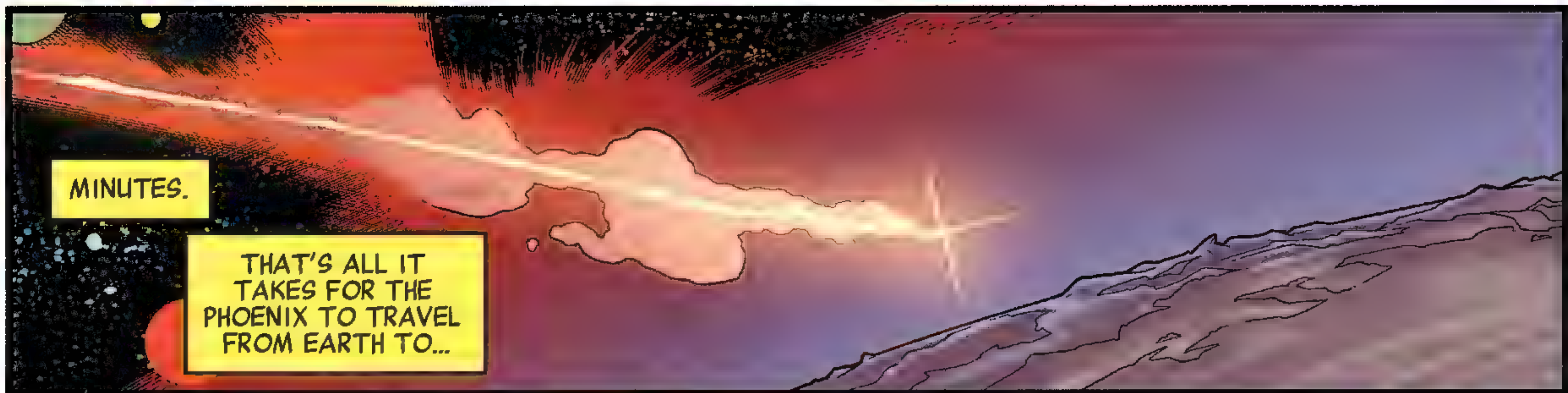
JUST HOW
HELPLESS
I AM IN THE
FACE OF THAT
POWER.

LET'S
SEE.

THERE.

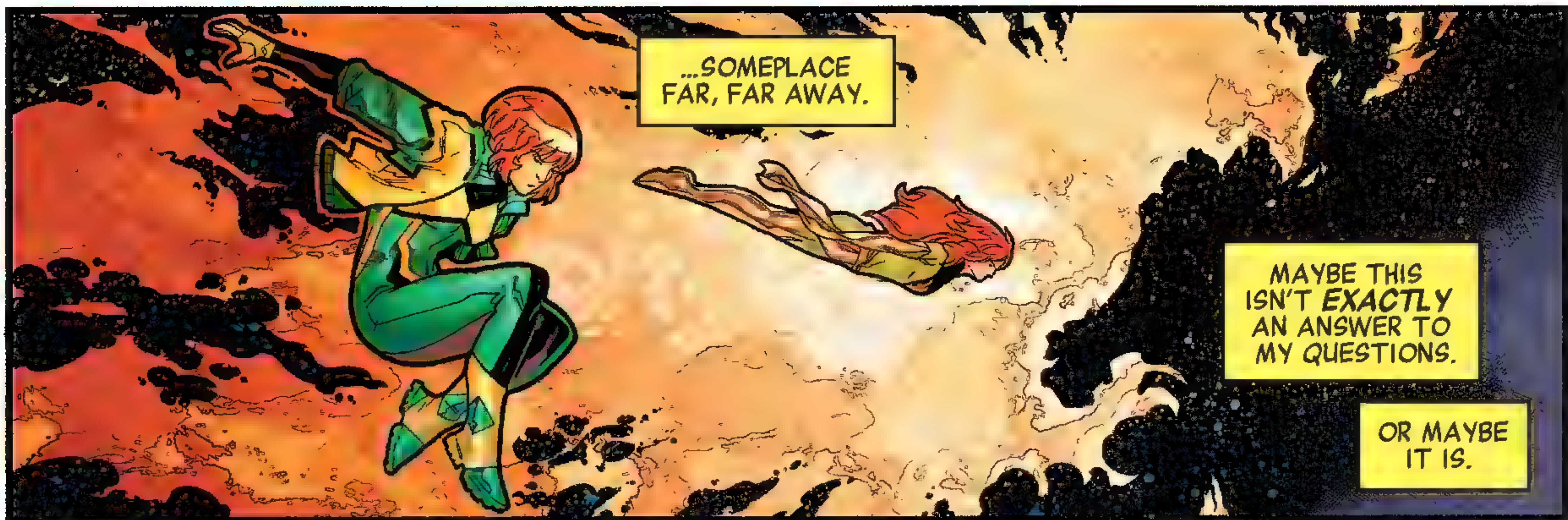
AH.

AH,
YES.



MINUTES.

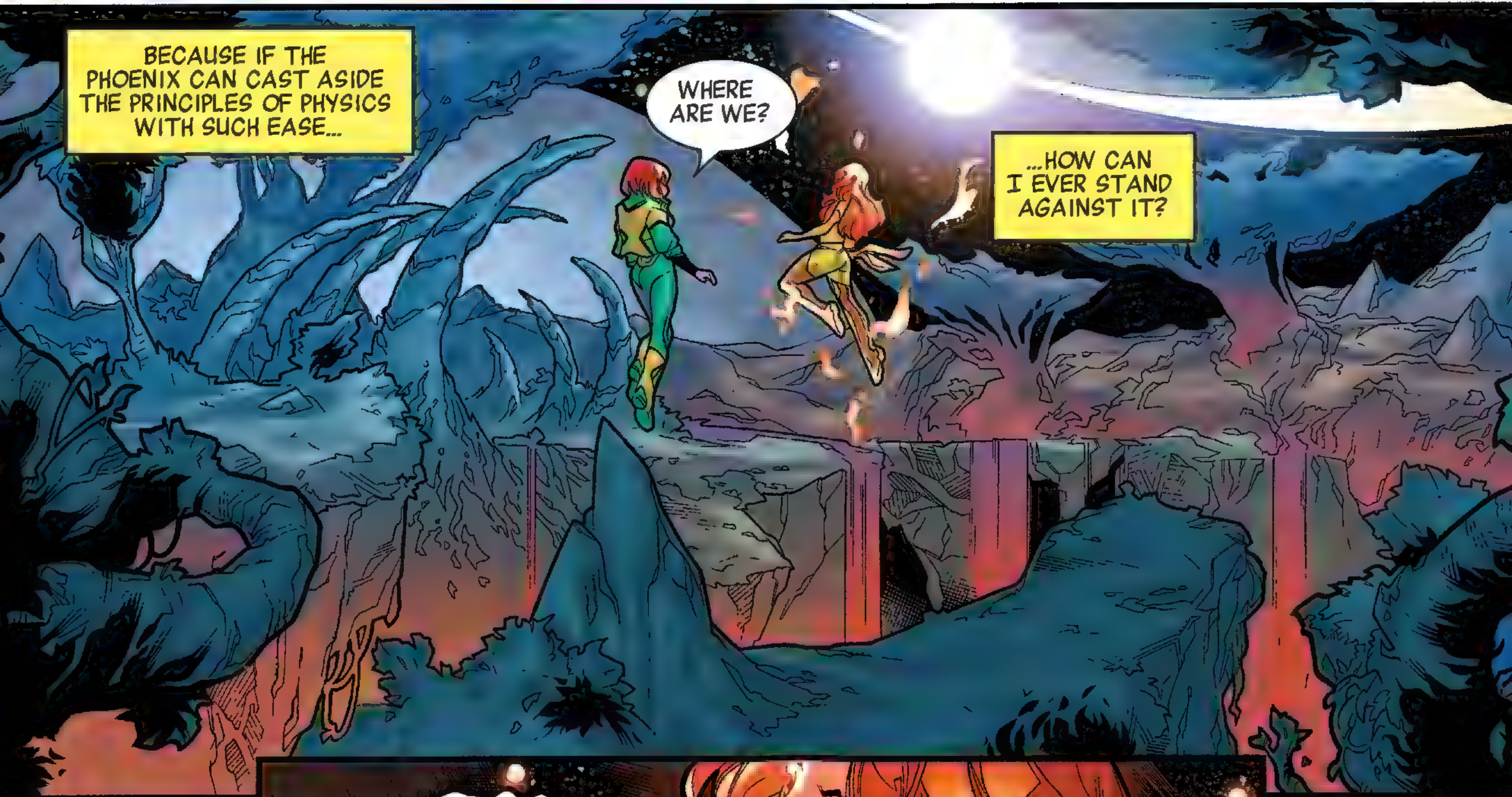
THAT'S ALL IT
TAKES FOR THE
PHOENIX TO TRAVEL
FROM EARTH TO...



...SOMEPLACE
FAR, FAR AWAY.

MAYBE THIS
ISN'T *EXACTLY*
AN ANSWER TO
MY QUESTIONS.

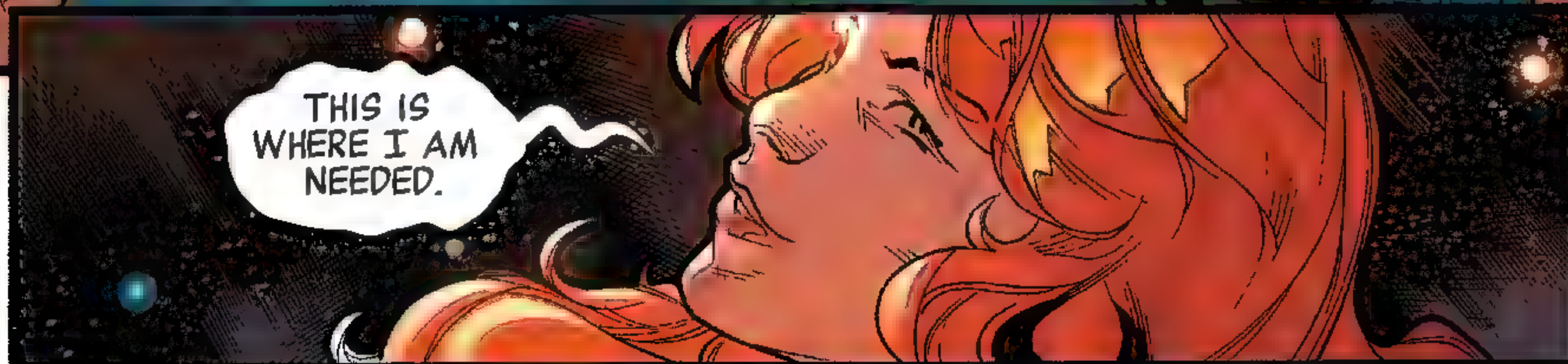
OR MAYBE
IT IS.



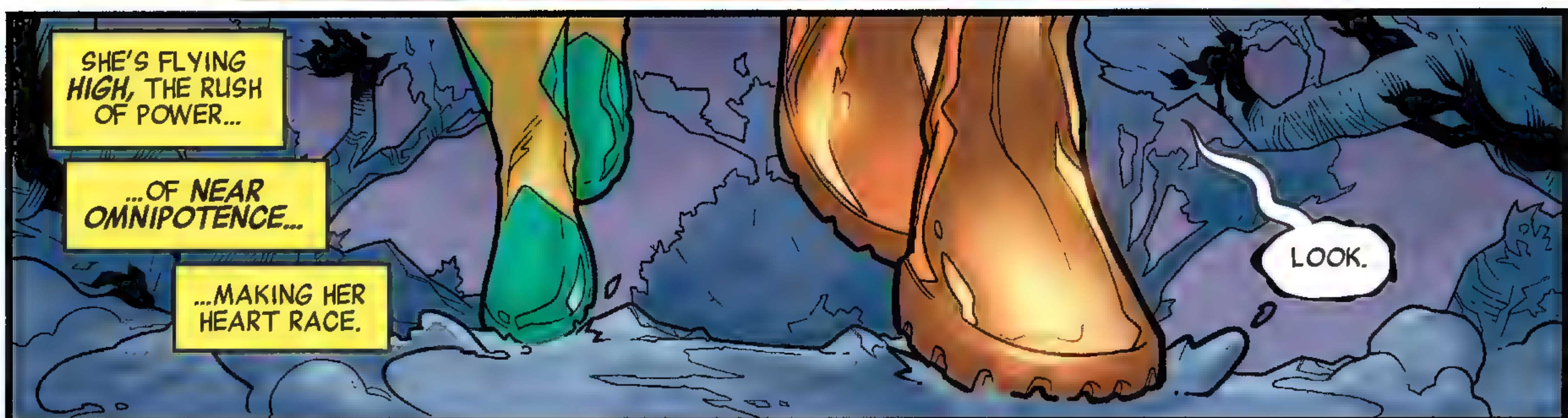
BECAUSE IF THE
PHOENIX CAN CAST ASIDE
THE PRINCIPLES OF PHYSICS
WITH SUCH EASE...

WHERE
ARE WE?

...HOW CAN
I EVER STAND
AGAINST IT?



THIS IS
WHERE I AM
NEEDED.

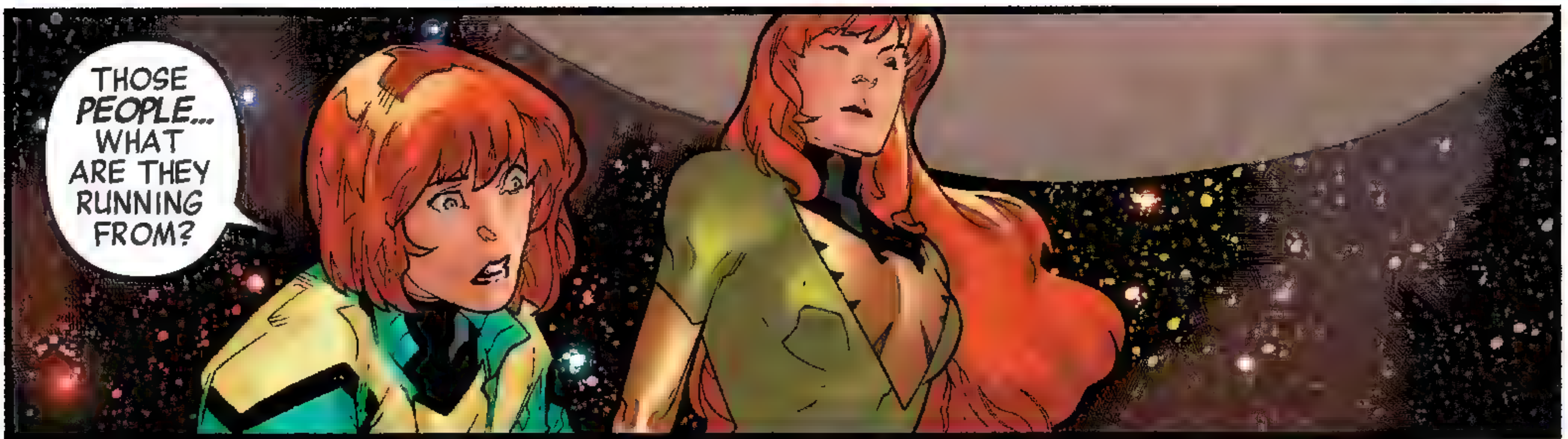


SHE'S FLYING
HIGH, THE RUSH
OF POWER...

...OF NEAR
OMNIPOTENCE...

...MAKING HER
HEART RACE.

LOOK.





**FLEE,
YOU MISERABLE
VERMIN!**

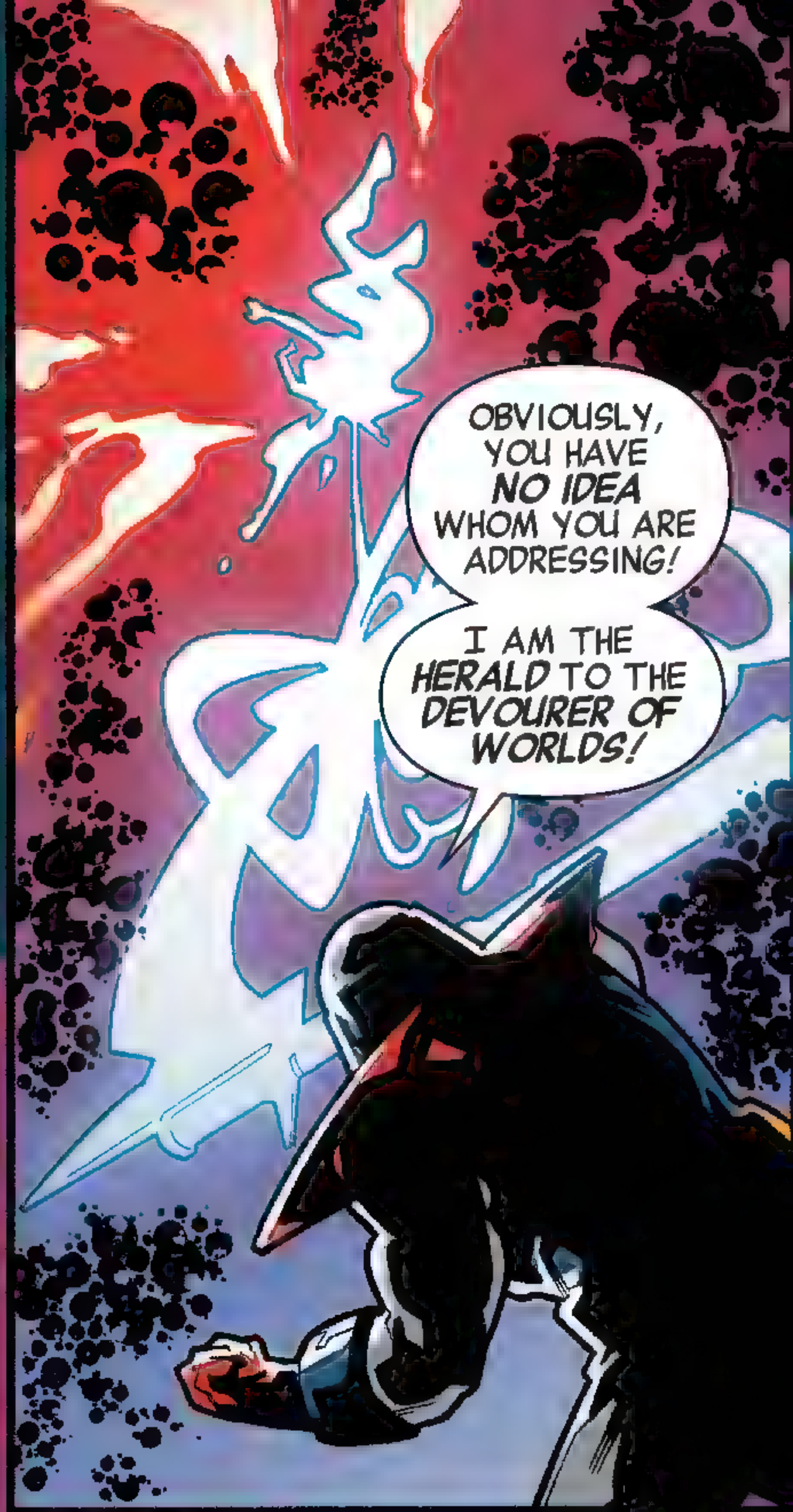
**SCURRY TO
YOUR ESCAPE
VESSELS!**

**PRAY
THAT YOU
REACH THEM
IN TIME!**

**FOR
MY MASTER--
GALACTUS--WILL
SEE HIS HUNGER
SATISFIED!**

**AND SHOULD
ANY OF YOU
SPINELESS WORMS
WISH TO OFFER
YOURSELVES UP
AS ADDITIONAL
SACRIFICE--**

**--THEN
TERRAX
THE TAME
WILL ATTEND
TO YOU!**



AND WHAT
DO YOU THINK
YOU ARE
TO ME?

I AM
PHOENIX!

AGH--

NoNoNo!

IT...
CANNOT
BE!

I AM LIFE
INCARNATE!

AND YOU ARE
NOTHING!

THIS ISN'T ABOUT
SAVING A WORLD.

THIS IS A *SHOW*
OF FORCE.

AND I'M NOT
THE ONLY ONE
WHO NOTICES.

THIS WORLD'S
INHABITANTS
ARE TERRIFIED.

I KNOW HOW
THEY FEEL.

BUT ARE THEY AFRAID
OF GALACTUS...



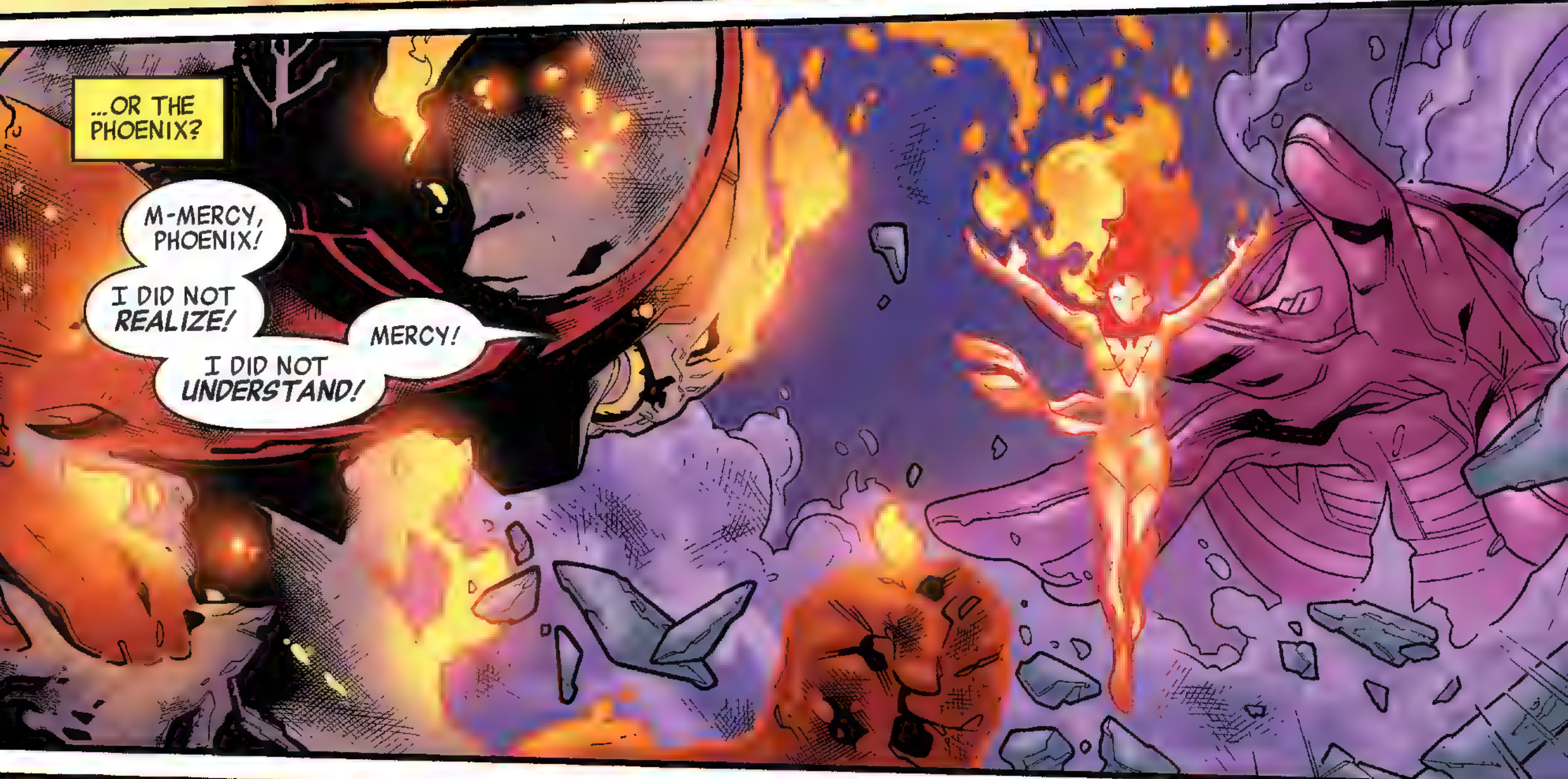
...OR THE
PHOENIX?

M-MERCY,
PHOENIX!

I DID NOT
REALIZE!

MERCY!

I DID NOT
UNDERSTAND!



LIFE,
TERRAX!

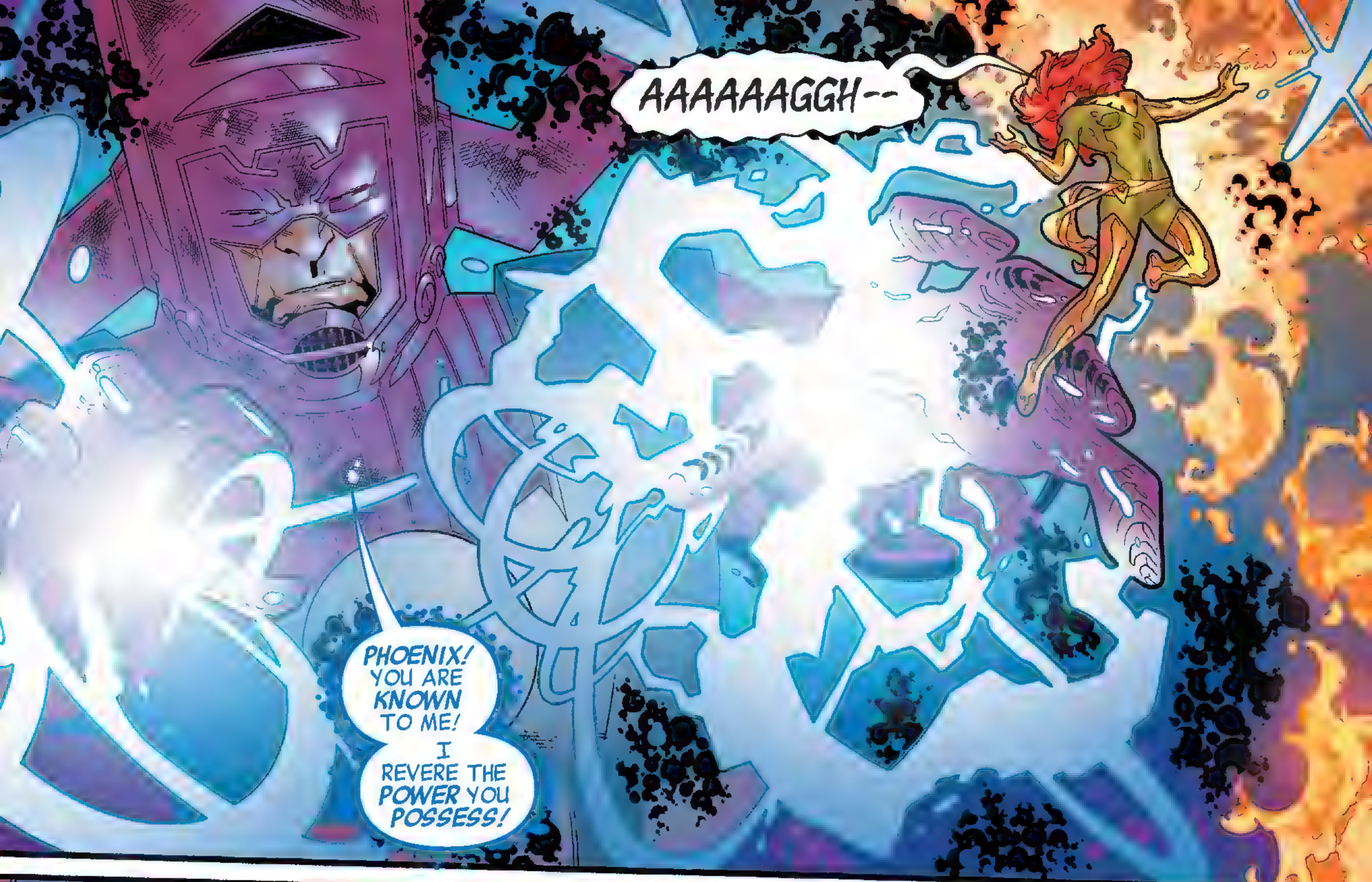
I AM
LIFE!

AND LIFE IS
NOT KNOWN FOR
ITS MERCY!

PHOENIX!

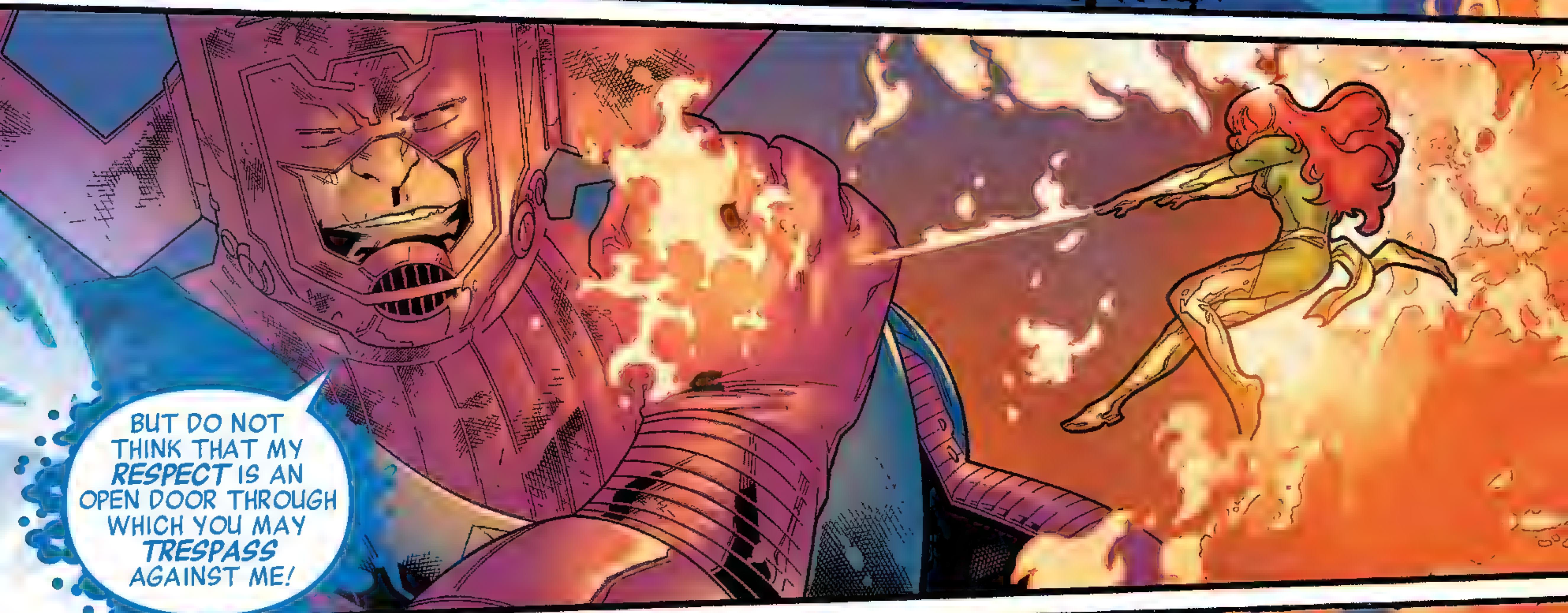
LOOK
OUT!





AAAAAAGGH--

PHOENIX!
YOU ARE
KNOWN
TO ME!
I
REVERE THE
POWER YOU
POSSESS!



BUT DO NOT
THINK THAT MY
RESPECT IS AN
OPEN DOOR THROUGH
WHICH YOU MAY
TRESPASS
AGAINST ME!



SATISFY
YOUR HUNGER
ELSEWHERE!

YOU
CANNOT
HAVE THIS
WORLD!

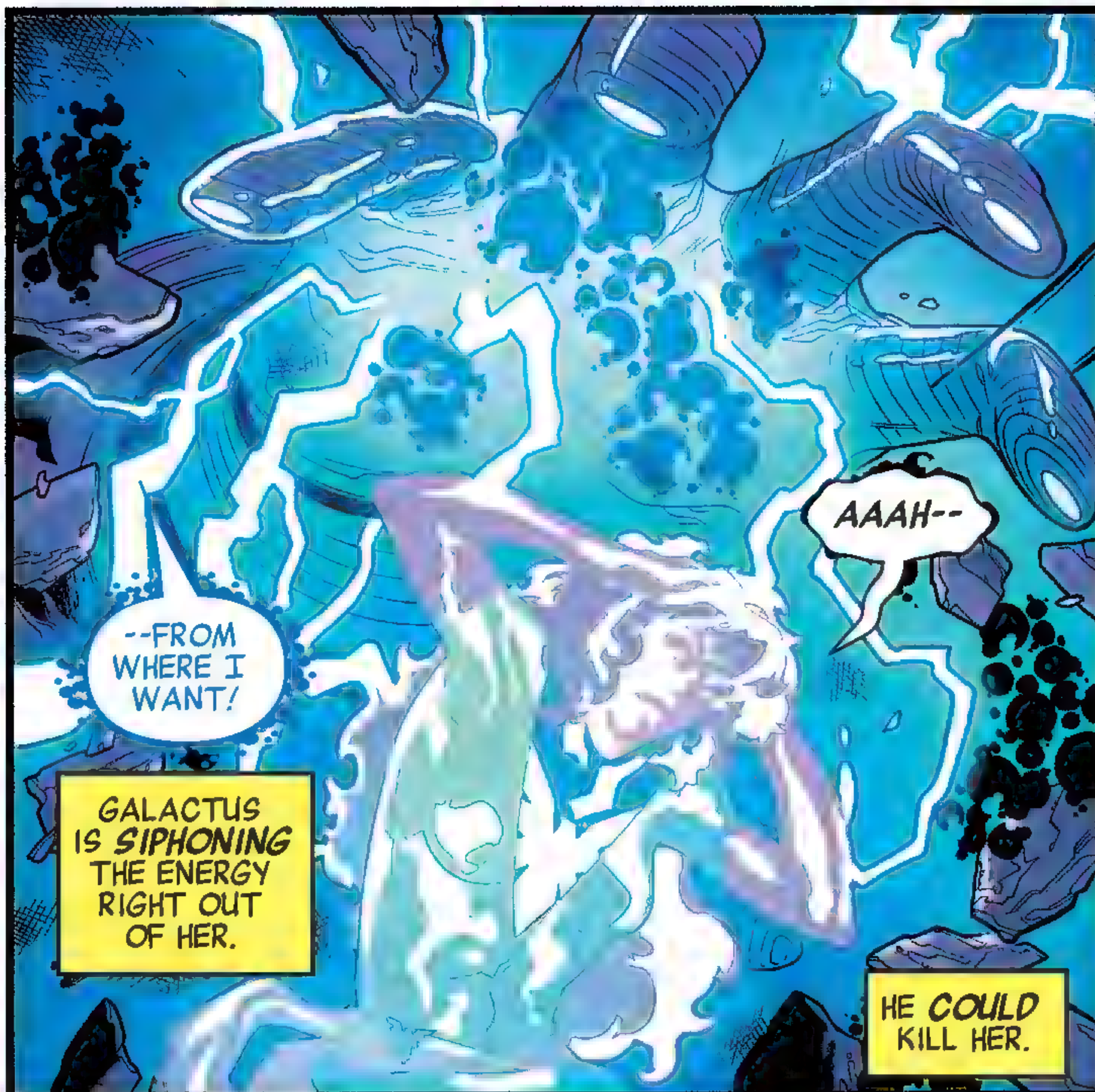
IT
BELONGS
TO ME!



DO NOT
DEEM TO ISSUE
COMMANDS TO
GALACTUS!

I AM
ONE WITH
THE **POWER**
COSMIC!

I TAKE
WHAT
NOURISHMENT
I WANT--

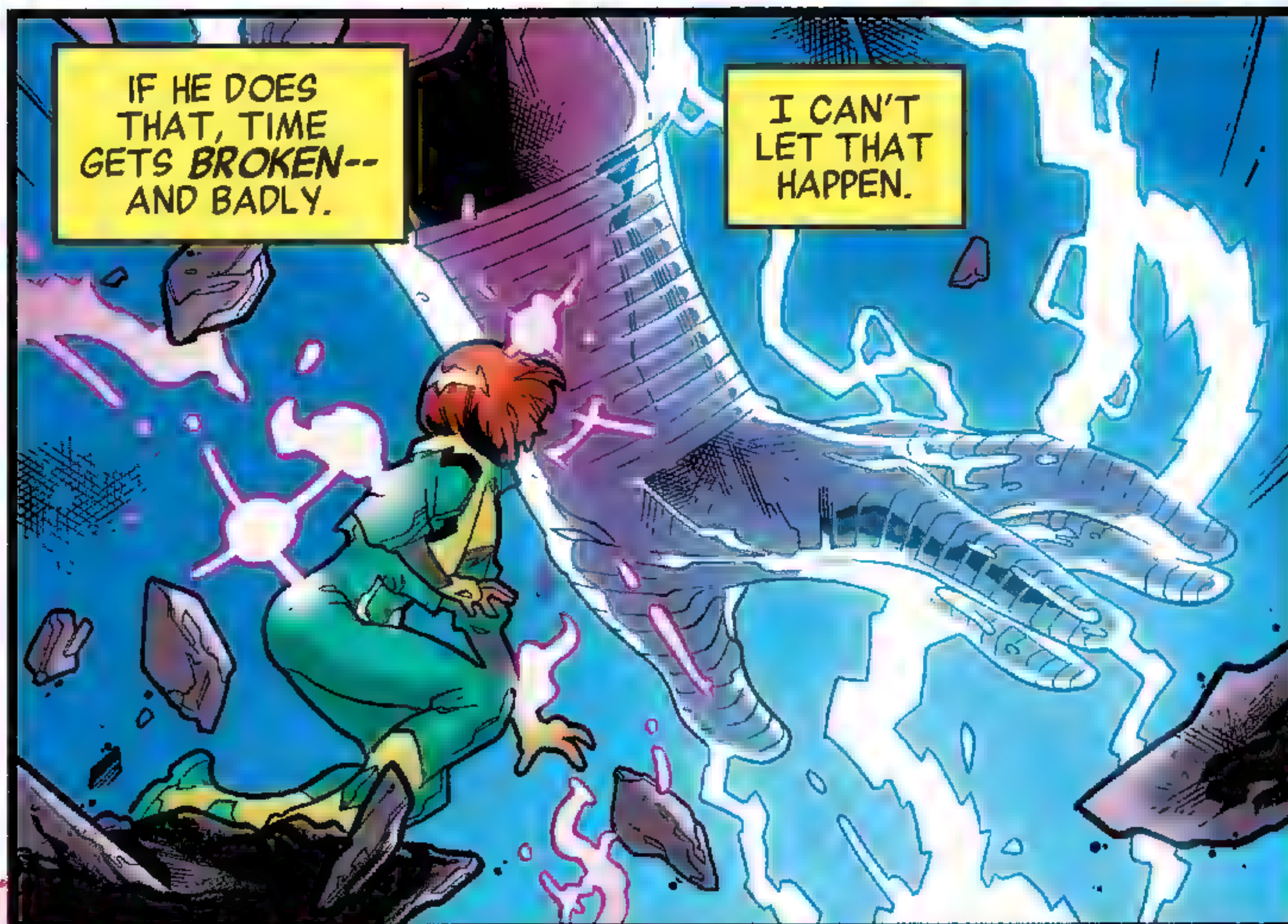


--FROM
WHERE I
WANT!

GALACTUS
IS *SIPHONING*
THE ENERGY
RIGHT OUT
OF HER.

AAAH--

HE *COULD*
KILL HER.



IF HE DOES
THAT, TIME
GETS *BROKEN--*
AND BADLY.

I CAN'T
LET THAT
HAPPEN.



I'M NO
PHOENIX.
LORD, I HOPE
I NEVER AM.

BUT I HAVE
AT LEAST
ONE TRICK UP
MY SLEEVE.

I CAN AMP
UP MY TK...DRAW
TELEPATHIC JUICE FROM
THOSE AROUND ME.

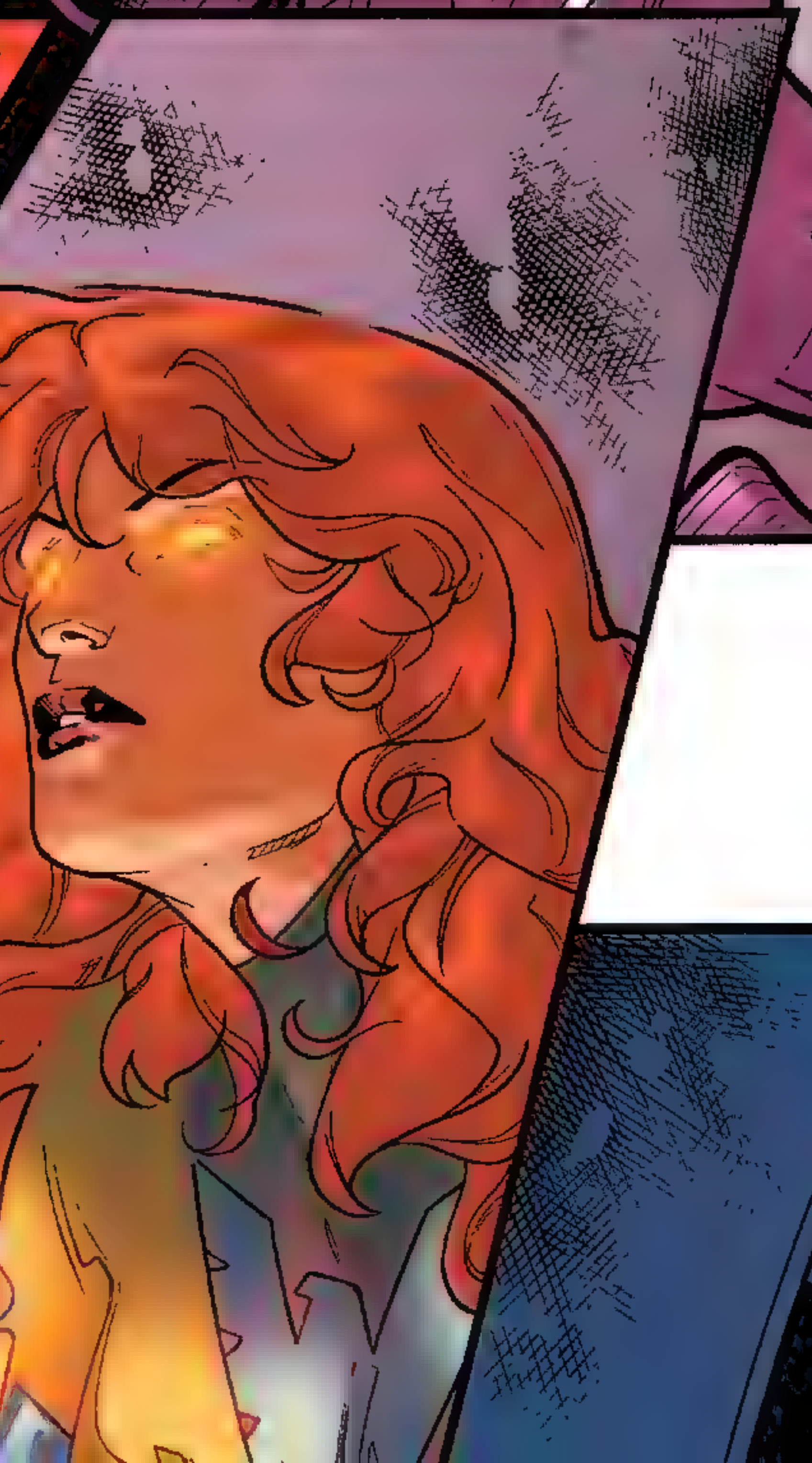
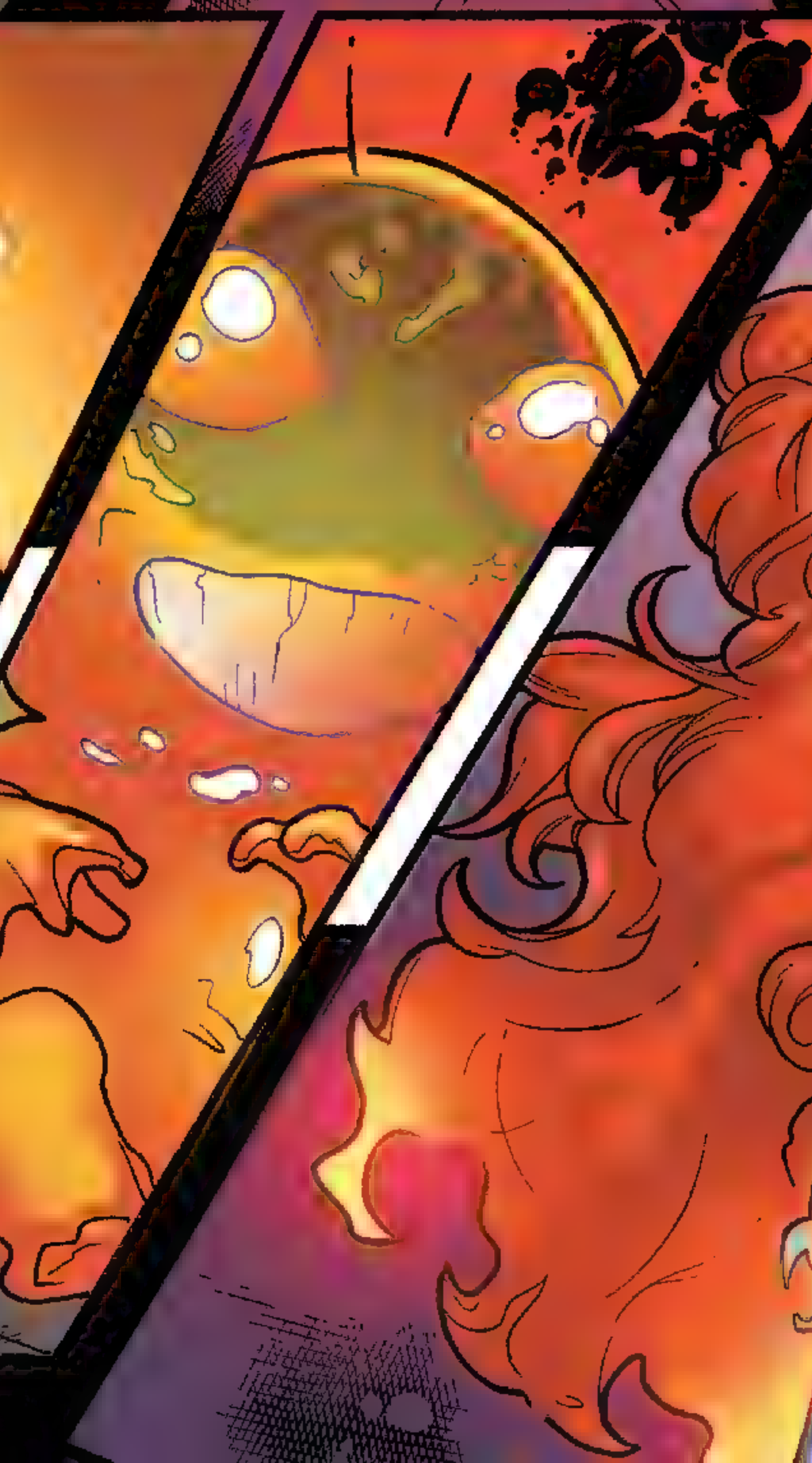
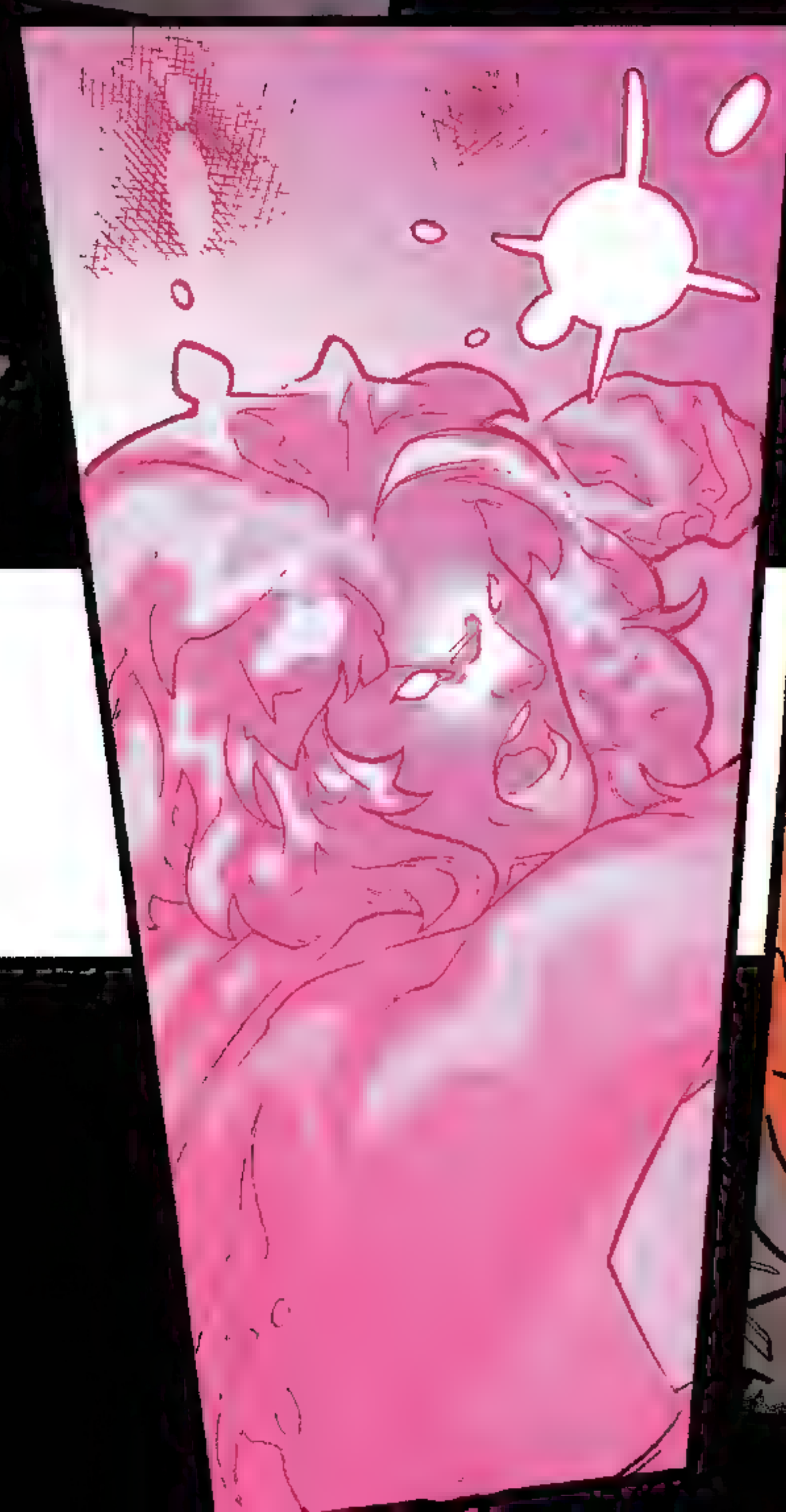
FROM THE
PEOPLE OF
THIS WORLD...

...FROM
TERRAX...

...FROM
GALACTUS...

...FROM--THE
PHOENIX FORCE
ITSELF.

SHRA-
THRAKKA-
CHOOM



I JUST...

...PUNCHED
GALACTUS...

...IN THE
FACE.

WHAM

I PUNCHED HIM
AND I HAVEN'T BEEN
VAPORIZED... YET.

I THINK...
I MADE HIM
MAD.

NO.

YOU HAVE
IMPRESSED MY
MASTER! FOR
THIS REASON
ALONE HE WILL
SPARE THIS
WORLD!

YOU
SAVED THE
DAY.

CONSIDER
THIS YOUR *ONLY*
REPRIVE!

SHOULD YOU
STAND IN HIS WAY
AGAIN--YOU WILL
BE *OBLITERATED*
BY HIS MIGHT!

HE'S...
SAVING
FACE.

TWO
PHOENIXES...

...WERE
TOO MUCH
FOR HIM.



NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

THIS IS WHY THE PHOENIX IS HERE.

TO SAVE LIVES. TO PROTECT PEOPLE.



N-NO.

WHAT IS IT?

WHAT'S WRONG?

SHE CAN'T COMPREHEND THE CORRUPTING POWER SHE POSSESSES.

TODAY SHE'S SAVING A WORLD.



BUT SOON...IT WILL BE THE **PHOENIX** WHO DEVOURS PLANETS.

WHAT ARE YOU NOT TELLING ME?

YOU **KNOW** SOMETHING ABOUT ME.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE **FUTURE** THAT **SCARES** YOU?

IS THIS MY CHANCE? IS THIS HOW I DEFEAT THE PHOENIX?



IF I TELL HER WHAT'S COMING FOR HER, WILL I **CHANGE** THINGS?

IS **THIS** WHY I'M HERE?



WHEN I LOOK AT HER NOW, SHE'S NOT THE **PHOENIX**. SHE'S NOT EVEN THE HIGH-AND-MIGHTY **JEAN GREY**.

PLEASE--

SHE'S JUST... **ME**...AND SHE'S CONFUSED AND SCARED, TOO.



I CAN MAYBE...SOMEHOW... I CAN HELP HER...**SPARE** HER. SPARE **MYSELF**.

BUT SOMETHING'S OFF.

I FEEL IT AGAIN...JUST LIKE I FELT IT BACK ON EARTH...IN THE CLUB.

I'M BEING--

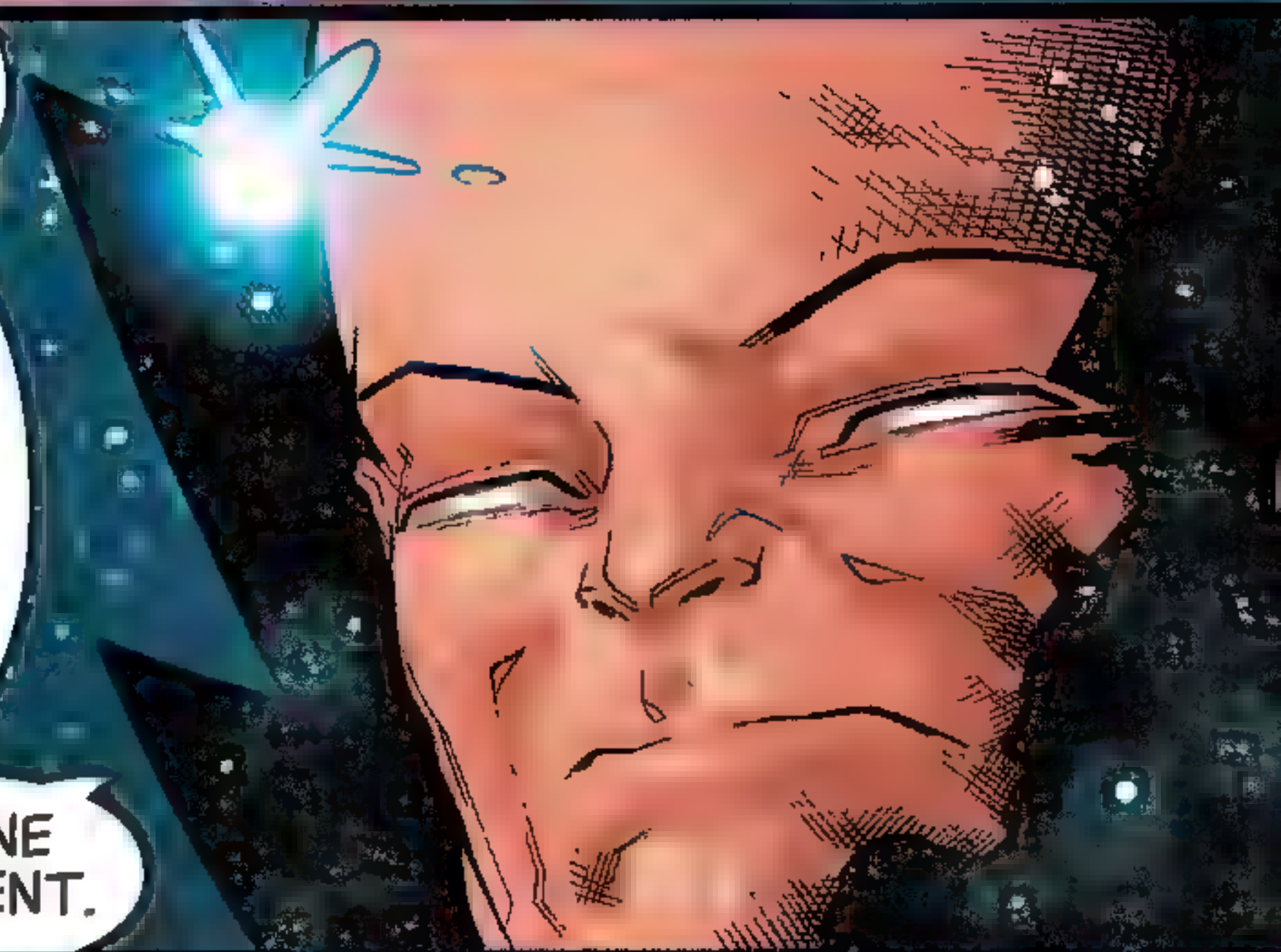


--WATCHED.

I AM THE
WATCHER.

AND
IT IS MY
SWORN DUTY
TO OBSERVE
**PIVOTAL
MOMENTS**
IN THE
HISTORY OF
MANKIND.

THIS IS ONE
SUCH MOMENT.



SHE
CAN'T--

FOR THE
MOMENT, MY
PRESENCE...
AND OUR
CONVERSATION...
IS **UNKNOWN**
TO HER.



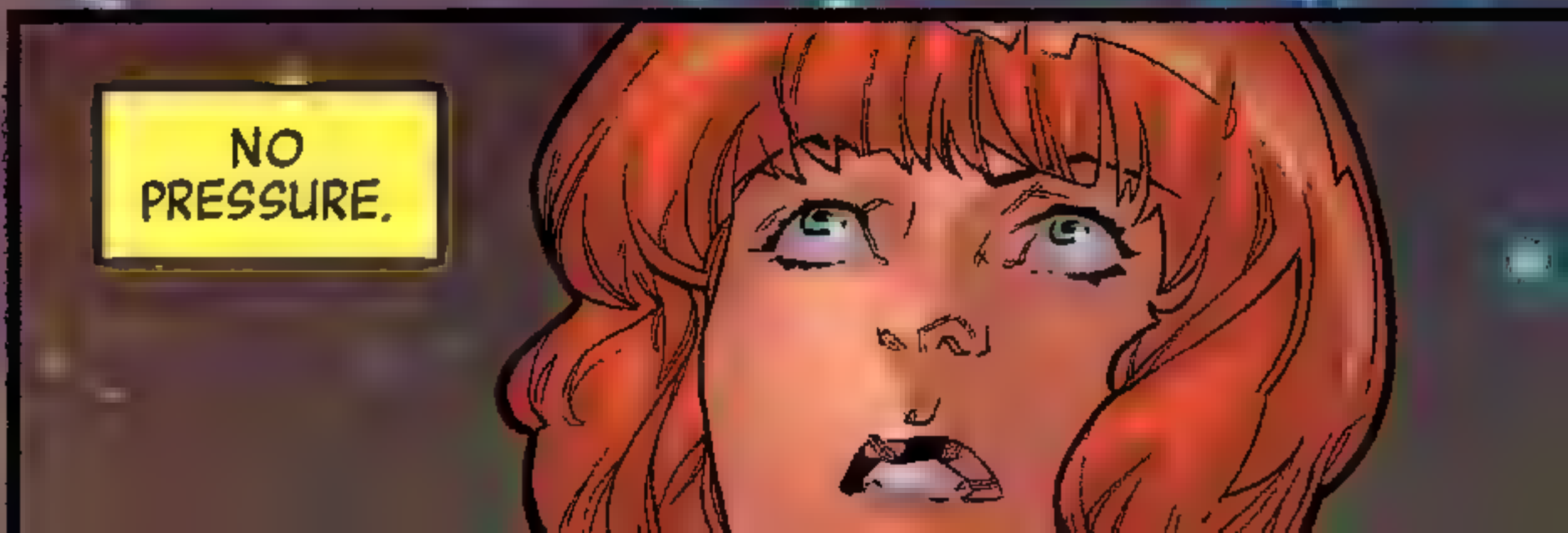
SO ARE YOU HERE
TO HELP ME?

I CAN TELL YOU ONLY THAT
THE CHOICE YOU MAKE RIGHT
NOW WILL IMPACT **EVERYTHING**
THAT COMES AFTER.

FOR BETTER OR
WORSE, I AM FORBIDDEN
TO REVEAL.



NO
PRESSURE.



IF I SAY SOMETHING NOW...
AND GOD, I WANT TO...I
COULD STOP ONE OF THE
GREATEST TRAGEDIES
IN X-HISTORY.

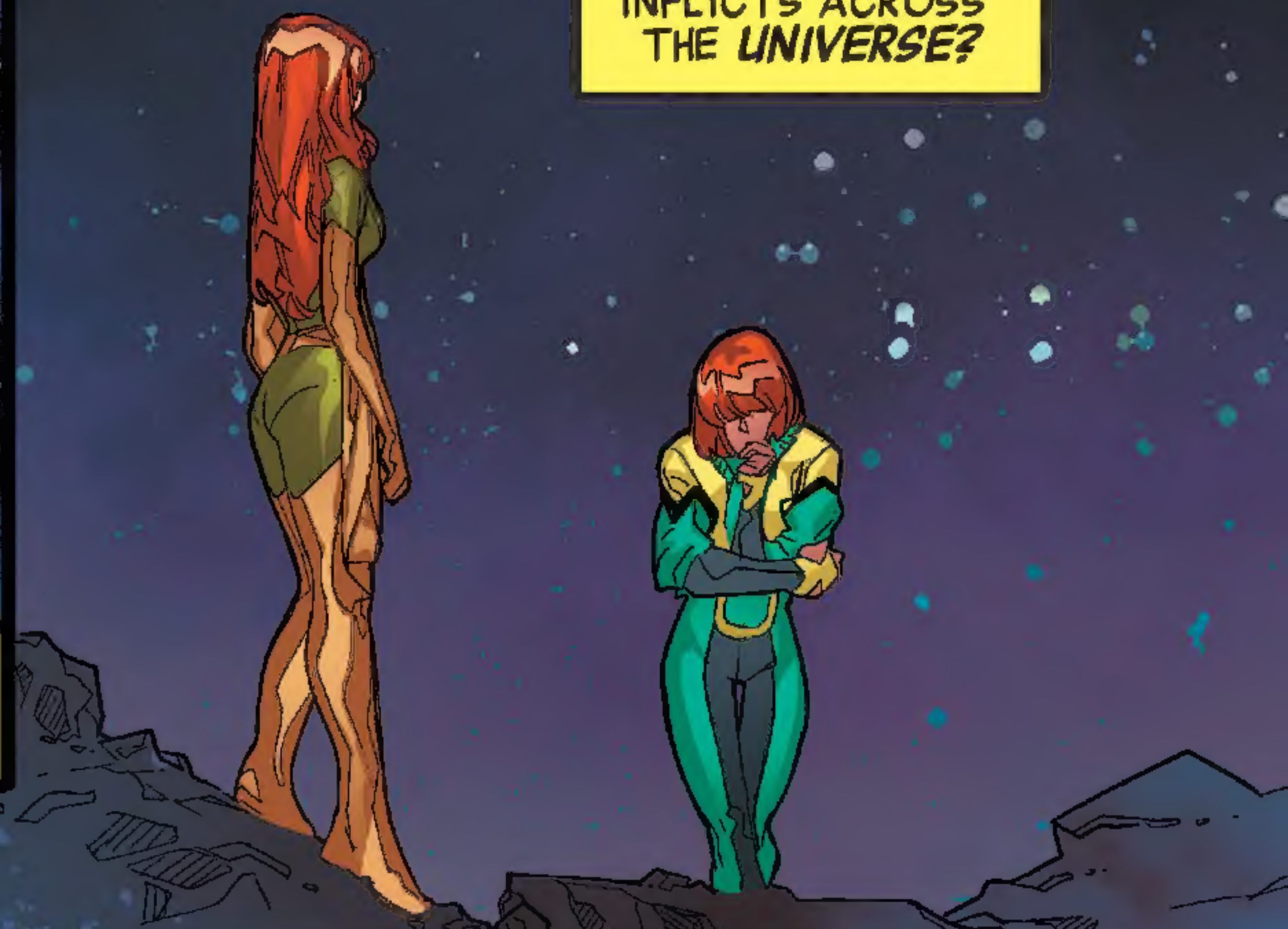
I COULD POSSIBLY SAVE
COUNTLESS LIVES.

DO I TELL HER THAT
SHE'S BEING STALKED BY A
PSYCHOPATHIC PERV?

DO I TELL HER THAT
HE'S GOING TO MESS
WITH HER MIND AND MAKE
HER HURT HER FRIENDS?

DO I TELL HER THAT
THIS MANIPULATION
HELPS TO UNLOCK
SOMETHING *HORRIBLE*
DEEP INSIDE HER?

DO I TELL HER
HOW MUCH PAIN
AND SUFFERING SHE
INFLICTS ACROSS
THE *UNIVERSE?*



IF I TELL HER,
MAYBE SHE CAN
PREVENT HER DESCENT
INTO DARKNESS.

MAYBE SHE DEFEATS THE PHOENIX.
MAYBE I NEVER HAVE TO FACE IT.



BUT THERE'S NO
TELLING WHAT MIGHT
BE *DESTROYED*.

I CAN'T TAKE
THE *RISK*.

NOT FOR
HER.

AND NOT FOR
MYSELF.

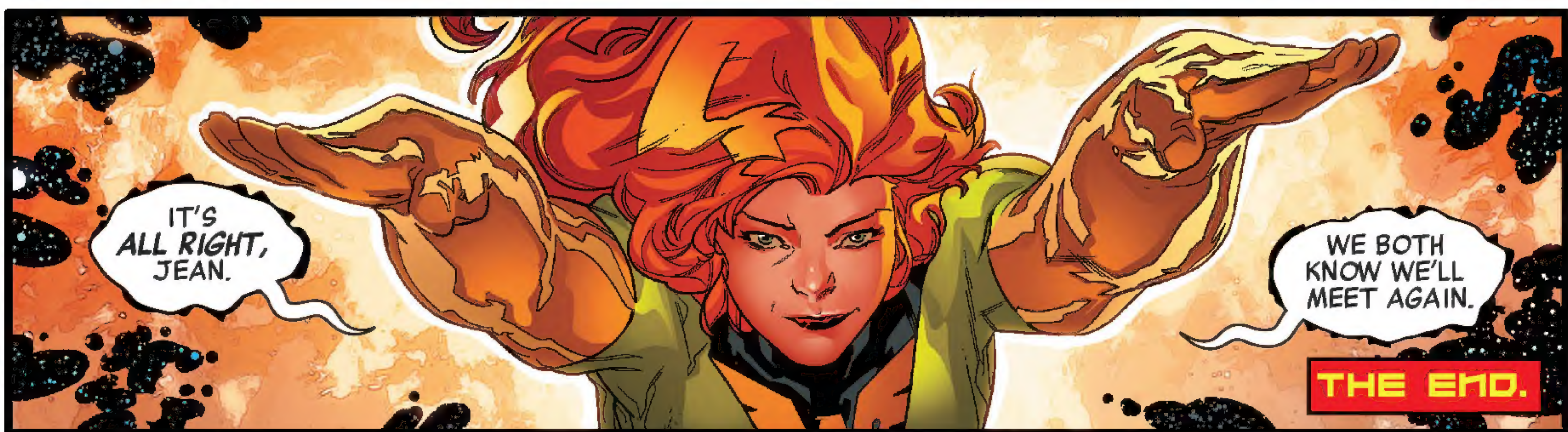
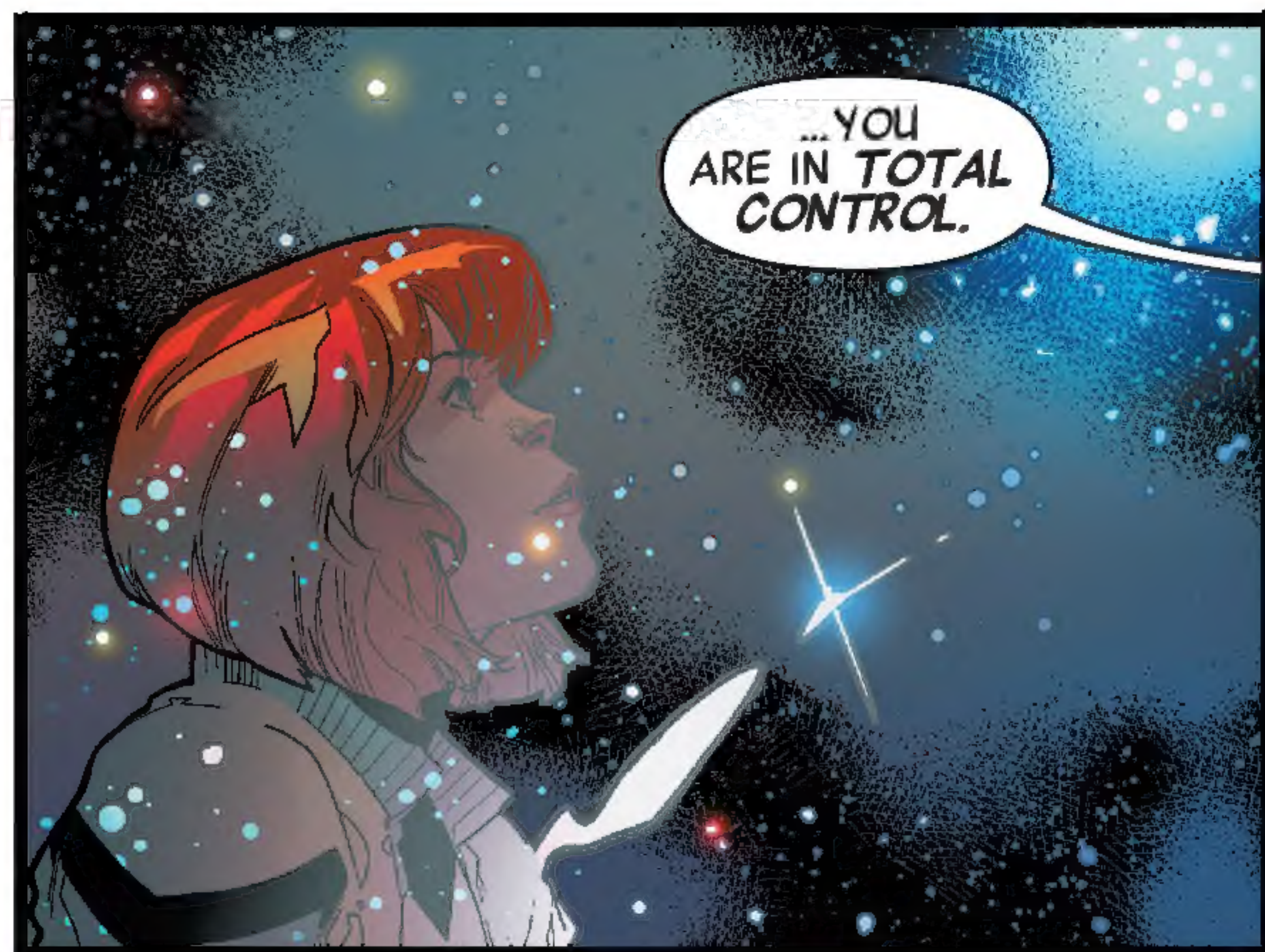


I...

I'M
SORRY.

I
CAN'T.





NEXT:

PSYCH WARS



JEAN GREY #8

OCTOBER

